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The Rt Hon. Suella Braverman K.C.
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Dear Suella

Fairer Access to British Citizenship for Commonwealth Citizens Serving in the Armed Forces

I am writing to you today to call on you to consider fairer access to British citizenship for members of the British Armed Forces who are Commonwealth citizens.

As you know, the current rules make little distinction between foreign born prospective immigrants and Commonwealth citizens who serve, or have served, in the British Armed Forces to become British citizens.

This is a long and difficult process, and it means that many Commonwealth citizens who serve in our Armed Forces are forced to go back to their home countries and go through the standard immigration channels to become British subjects, even after many years of service. This is unfair and it is also a missed opportunity.

Commonwealth citizens who serve in our Armed Forces make an invaluable contribution to the defence of the Realm. They are loyal to both King and Country, and they put their lives on the line to defend our island home. They deserve to be rewarded for their service, and one way of doing just that is to make it easier for them to become one of us.

I urge you to consider this issue and to make changes to the rules so that it is easier for Commonwealth citizens who serve in our Armed Forces to become British citizens. This would be the fair and just thing to do, and it would also be a way of recognising their contributions.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Andrew Rosindell M.P.