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House of Commons,  
London,  
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[Date]

Dear [Name of Your MP]

From: [constituent name, address 1, address 2, address 3, postcode]

As one of your constituents I write to ask you to support the Private Members Bill, HL 10, (Alternative Investment Fund Designation Bill [HL] 2023-24) put forward by Baroness Altmann which should pass through the House of Lords on 10<sup>th</sup> May and will then move on to be debated in the Commons.

This legislation is urgent and requires your support to encourage the Government to adopt the Bill and accelerate it onto the Statute Book, in order to remedy flawed regulatory oversight which has damaged British investors, UK financial markets and the economy. The Bill seeks to address the problem created by the FCA's application of retained EU Regulations, which require UK-listed Investment Trusts to report misleading figures about costs, because they are treated as if they were unlisted open-ended funds. No other Regulators in the world require this, and all European countries that are covered by the same rules, report the figures correctly for investors, so that only UK-listed investment companies are saddled with exaggerated numbers which mislead investors into believing there is an ongoing charge for owning these shares, when that is not true.

The unique interpretation by the FCA has contributed to a flight of capital away from the UK's investment trust sector - which is a jewel in the UK's financial services crown, attracting numerous companies from overseas. These companies – many of which actually operate wind farms, solar farms, battery storage, biotech, infrastructure and real estate in vital national areas - are now retreating and seeking to move their business elsewhere. It is a catastrophe which this Bill can help to avert.

The negative impact of the FCA's interpretation of EU-retained MiFID (Markets in Financial Instruments Directive) and PRIIPs (Packaged Retail Investment and Insurance-based Products) has been profound:

- a significant decrease in money invested in investment trusts – industry figures estimate that around £7 billion pa has stopped which could be directly invested into areas such as renewables, infrastructure, small companies and biotech all of which are key sectors in the Chancellor's Edinburgh Reforms, intended to spark growth in the UK's economy.

- a material loss of permanent investment into the capital market via equity trusts,
- the acquisition of UK real assets by foreign investors at significantly reduced prices.
- The misinterpretation means that the UK's investment sector is now actively engaged in misleading investors.
- 330 industry signatories contributed to an HM Treasury consultation (their biggest response ever) requesting an urgent resolution to this problem.

Please do support this Bill and encourage the Government to back it, so you can help resolve these issues as quickly as possible. This is clearly in the national interest and is really not a political issue – it is one of importance to UK retail, institutional and pension investors.

Yours sincerely

[Your name]

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