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House of Commons – EFRA Parliamentary Select Committee Dangerous Dogs Law & Enforcement Inquiry - Dave Joyce Televised Oral Evidence Session 27 June 2018 on BBC Parliament TV:

To: All Royal Mail Group based CWU ASRs

Dear Colleagues,

On 27th June CWU National Health and Safety Officer Dave Joyce was invited to the House of Commons, Palace of Westminster, to give oral evidence to The Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (EFRA) Parliamentary Select Committee's Inquiry into Dangerous Dogs Legislation (the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991 as amended by the Anti-Social Behaviour Crime & Policing Act 2014).

Here is your opportunity to watch a Parliament TV recording of Dave Joyce giving evidence on behalf of CWU members and dog attack victims, calling for changes to further strengthen the law and toughen up sentences handed down by the courts.

Watch on the following link: https://youtu.be/QWI_UiggYNU

Terms of reference: The Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Parliamentary Select Committee inquiry into the legislation on dangerous dogs is looking at:

1. How effective is the Government's current approach to protecting the public from dangerous dog attacks?
2. What changes, if any, should be made to the current approach and legislation?
3. How can local authorities and Police forces be best supported in reducing the number of dangerous dog-related incidents?
4. What lessons could the UK learn from other countries dealing with similar issues?

There has been substantial debate about the effectiveness of the UK's Dangerous Dogs legislation and the impact on dog welfare. 40 people died between 1989 and 2016 in dog-related incidents. The number of attacks has also risen, with the NHS reporting that yearly hospital admissions for dog bites has increased by 76% between 2006-2016 to around 7,500 a year.

Yours sincerely



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