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Dear Alistair

I have been inundated by many members in my constituency and by various firearm clubs who are outraged by proposals to change the law with regards to the management of young people and their access to sporting shotguns here in Northern Ireland. Whilst this is of course a matter for the Northern Ireland Assembly, I do feel that changing the law in such a way is making it out of kilter with the rest of the United Kingdom and this is not good practice and could lead to all sorts of ramifications for tourists both from Northern Ireland to the rest of the United Kingdom and more importantly those coming to Northern Ireland who are used to a different management and practice regime.

I also feel that there is going to be a massive unfairness placed upon the current clubs with a suggestion that a new club regime will have to be established in Northern Ireland for shotgun users. This of course is not sensible at all and could result in causing much friction across our community.

I trust that the Committee will look at this matter and ensure that the Justice Minister is not allowed to introduce legislation that is unfair and unworkable.

Yours sincerely

Mr Ian Paisley MP

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