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### **ANIMAL SENTIENCE IN LAW**

I would like to thank everyone who has contacted me about legislation recognising animal sentience.

Concern was raised among animal welfare campaigners last year when it became clear that the EU Withdrawal Bill proposed by the Government to transfer European law into British law did not include provisions to transfer legislation recognising animal sentience. Legislation recognising animal sentience is a central to maintaining high animal welfare standards in the UK. I voted in favour of an amendment to include such legislation in the Withdrawal Bill, but unfortunately that amendment did not pass.

Last month, Labour MP Kerry McCarthy introduced a Bill legislating for the recognition of animal sentience, and I am supporting this Bill. You can learn more about the Bill [here](#), and track the Bill's progress through Parliament [here](#).

Thanks again to everyone who has contacted me on this issue.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Richard Burden'.

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