

[REDACTED]  
House of Commons  
London  
SW1A 0AA

30<sup>th</sup> October 2013

Dear [REDACTED]

**Re:** [REDACTED]

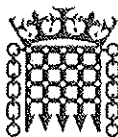
Thank you for your letter regarding possibly stocking [REDACTED] vodka and my apologies for the delay in responding. I am aware of this excellent product. It attracts a niche vodka customer base which I do not believe the House caters for due to the style of our venues. We stock main stream vodka in both our bars and these have a modest uptake which we are presently very happy to support as well as The Speaker Vodka.

Stringent procurement regulations do not enable me to prefer UK manufacturers against others as you will be aware. My decision is purely based on knowing what sells and creating a range of spirits in line with demand.

Thank you for bringing this product to my attention and my apologies for the negative response but I will certainly keep the details on file.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED] Catering Services



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3<sup>rd</sup> October 2013

Banqueting Department  
020 7219 3000

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Dear [REDACTED],

I am writing to you on behalf of a business in my constituency, which produces, so far as I am aware, the only [REDACTED] vodka, under the label [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

I don't know whether the House of Commons currently purchases a vodka or whether, if so, the vodka purchased is either exceptionally cheap or bought from UK manufacturers.

I understand that [REDACTED] is very definitely competitive with imported vodka prices, (and with the quality of imported vodka) so, if the House of Commons is currently purchasing vodka manufactured outside the EU at normal commercial prices, I think it would be well worthwhile for me to arrange for the manufacturers of [REDACTED] in my constituency to provide some samples and details of pricing so that you could consider adjusting your purchasing arrangements with a view to having this UK product on offer.

Do let me know what you think can be done.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

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