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Dear Mr Irranca-Davies,

**Marine and Coastal Access Bill**

The Ramblers' Association has been campaigning for increased coastal access for many years and is delighted that the Marine and Coastal Access Bill has been included in the Queen's Speech.

As an active walker and member of the Ramblers' Association, I know what a positive difference a path around the coast of England with supporting spreading room would make, not just for walkers but also for the general public.

This is exactly the kind of flexible right that will be most useful in solving the problems with gaps and obstructions that degrade existing coastal access. It also has the potential to make a massive contribution to the rural economy, as proven by the continued popularity of the South West Coast Path, which generates more than £300 million for the region annually.

Please do all you can to ensure this valuable legislation becomes law.

Yours sincerely,