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Dear John

Thank you for the Committee's report of 29 March on the Supplementary Legislative Consent Memoranda (No. 3 and No. 4) on the Building Safety Bill (the "Bill"). My response to the Committee's consideration and conclusion is provided below.

I was pleased to read the majority of the Committee believes that the Senedd should grant consent to inclusion in the Bill of the provisions detailed in SLCM (No.3) and (No.4). I acknowledge the concerns raised regarding the use of a UK as opposed to a Senedd Bill, however I remain of the view this Bill provides the people of Wales with the most effective way for appropriate protections to come into force as soon as possible, ensuring a robust system of control and a route to redress when things go wrong.

In relation to the New Homes Ombudsman, I note "*some Members also questioned the Welsh Government's assertion in SLCM (No.3) that the cross-border nature of the NHO provisions would have more value than a Wales only scheme".* It is my view that the cross-border nature of the NHO provisions, which are now UK wide, will provide the best response. Operating different systems across different parts of the UK will not assist in reducing the complexity for homeowners. A standard approach, implemented at a single point in time across all parts of the UK will reduce confusion for homebuyers and developers.

Yours sincerely

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