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Dear Elin

The UK Government introduced the Social Housing (Regulation) Bill (the Bill) to the House of Lords, on 8 June 2022.

The Bill is intended to facilitate a new proactive approach to regulating social housing landlords registered in England. The Bill includes three main areas of change:

- Changes to facilitate the new consumer regime: measures that broaden the Regulator's scope and enable it to intervene to address consumer issues more readily.
- Strengthening the Regulator's enforcement powers: measures that enable the Regulator to take action to tackle failing providers.
- Strengthening economic regulation: bringing forward smaller changes that will support successful economic regulation and which keeps the regime up to date with changes in the sector.

The social housing regulatory regimes in England and Wales are very different and although there has been some engagement between UK Government and Welsh Government officials on certain aspects of the Bill, the draft Bill was only made available the day before introduction. Consequently, it has not yet been possible to fully consider the devolution consequences of what is proposed.

If, following the detailed analysis of the legislative competence of the Senedd in relation to the Bill, a Legislative Consent Memorandum is required, one will be laid as soon as possible. However, we are already outside the normal two-week Standing Order 29 deadline.

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Rydym yn croesawu derbyn gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg. Byddwn yn ateb gohebiaeth a dderbynnir yn Gymraeg yn Gymraeg ac ni fydd gohebu yn Gymraeg yn arwain at oedi.

We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

I am copying this letter to the Counsel General and Minister for the Constitution, Mick Antoniw MS, the Minister for Rural Affairs and North Wales, and Trefnydd, Lesley Griffiths MS, and the Chair of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee, Huw Irranca-Davies MS.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Julie James". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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