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Dear Jayne,

I am writing to thank you and your Committee for the formal response to the White Paper on ending homelessness in Wales. I am grateful for your detailed and comprehensive response to our proposals.

I welcome the nine recommendations made by the Committee and my officials will consider them carefully as part of the wider analysis of responses to the consultation, which closed on the 16 January.

I note the overall feedback from the Committee to secure stronger protections for care leavers in Wales. I assure you that I share your concerns regarding the experience of homelessness amongst young people leaving care and I believe the White Paper and subsequent legislation provide an important opportunity to address these concerns and transform the experience of these young people as they transition from care towards independent living. This will include how we improve our work in regard to corporate parenting and how we ensure access to secure, suitable accommodation to help us end any perception or experience that care equals a “predictable route” towards homelessness and ends cycles of repeat homelessness.

I look forward to working closely with the Children, Young People and Education Committee as we develop the White Paper proposals and bring forward legislation.

Yours sincerely

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