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Dear John,

Thank you for your letter and your kind congratulations on my re-election as Chair of the Women and Equalities Committee. I look forward to building good relationships with your Committee and sharing information on issues of mutual interest.

The Members of the Women and Equalities Committee have only recently been appointed by the House, and our future work programme is to be decided. I am sure that Members will have a keen interest in following up the report on exiting the EU published by the Committee in the last Parliament, though as yet we do not know what form that will take.

You may be interested to know that the Government's response to that report has recently been received and we expect it to be published by the time you receive this letter. The Clerk of the Committee will send further details.

Thank you for the information you enclosed about your Committee's work to date on human rights and the UK's withdrawal from the EU, and I note in particular the points you made about the status of the Charter of Fundamental Rights. I am sure that our Committee will be interested to know how your own follow-up work on this topic develops.

As the negotiations develop and debates about the EU exit continue, I would welcome further discussions with you about how to ensure that equality protections remain strong and how the scrutiny work of our Committees can make a contribution to that. I look forward to meeting you, along with our colleagues from Scotland and Northern Ireland, when our schedules allow.



Rt Hon Maria Miller MP

Chair, Women and Equalities Committee