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Dear Minister,

Thank you for your letter of 26 March 2020 in response to the Committee's questions on the Council Tax Reduction (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/25).

The Committee has considered your letter and agreed that I write to you again in relation to the consolidation of the Council Tax Reduction (Scotland) Regulations 2012 and the Council Tax Reduction (State Pension Credit) (Scotland) Regulations 2012.

The Committee welcomes the production of Keeling versions of the regulations and would welcome further versions periodically. However, your response indicated that the Scottish Government continues to see no need for a formal consolidation exercise to be carried out.

The Committee appreciates that with the current pandemic the Scottish Government has many more pressing issues to deal with at the moment. However, the Committee would like to restate its view that both the Council Tax Reduction (Scotland) Regulations 2012 and the Council Tax Reduction (State Pension Credit) (Scotland) Regulations 2012 should be consolidated in the interests of clarity and accessibility and to remove any doubt about these regulations raising a devolution issue (see the Committee's [49th Report of 2018](#) on this point). I am sure we will discuss this matter again in the future.

Yours sincerely,

Bill Bowman
Convener of the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee