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Dear Bob

**Housing (Scotland) (Amendment) Bill**

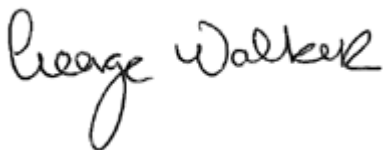
Thank you very much for inviting Michael and I to the recent evidence sessions with the Committee.

After reflecting on the discussion on the Housing (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill, we would like to provide additional information on section 8.

We recognise the necessity of the proposed regulation making power for Ministers in section 8 of the Bill. We see the value in a sunset clause for section 8 as proposed by UK Finance. A level of certainty on our legislative framework is important to enable us to plan the delivery of effective regulation of social landlords over the medium term. In turn this will give social landlords, and their lenders and investors, certainty on what they can expect from regulation.

Please do get in touch if you would like to discuss this further.

Your sincerely



**George Walker**  
SHR Chair