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Dear Lord Greenhalgh,

Draft Building Safety Bill: Pre-legislative Scrutiny

When I wrote to you in July, I committed to asking the Committee to consider how best we could engage with the House of Lords, to inform our pre-legislative scrutiny of the Draft Building Safety Bill.

Since then the inquiry has progressed well and we hope to complete taking oral evidence in the week commencing Monday 19 October, with the aim of making our report available to the Government by the end of November. We were pleased to have Lord Best and Lord Porter take part in an informal session the Committee held with the Bill team. We have also written to those members of the House of Lords with an obvious interest in our work, to invite contributions, and have taken formal oral evidence from Lord Porter, in his role as spokesperson for the LGA on these matters. We have also written to Lord Blencathra, the Chair of the Lords Delegated Powers and Regulatory Reform Committee (DPRRC), to seek their input in relation to the delegated powers contained within the draft Bill.

Before we finalise taking our evidence, I wanted to give you the opportunity to inform the Committee of any other engagement with members of the House of Lords, that you feel would benefit the Committee in undertaking this work. Although there is a limited amount of time available if the Committee is to meet its deadline, I would be happy to discuss any suggestions that you have and look forward to your own evidence on 19 October.

Clive Betts MP
Chair, Housing, Communities and Local Government Committee