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Dear Clive,

**Government response to the LUHC Committee Report on Exempt Accommodation**

I would like to thank you for your Committee's excellent recent work on the important issues around Exempt Accommodation. The Committee's report powerfully set out the issues of poor-quality supported housing and detailed shocking problems we are seeing more generally in that sector, with rogue landlords taking advantage of some of the most vulnerable in our society. I am sadly aware of the problems in the sector, although your report is a powerful reminder of the need for more action.

I wanted to assure you that I am taking your report, and the Government's subsequent response to it, very seriously and I have tasked officials accordingly. I want to respond quickly, but I also want our official response to be as comprehensive as possible, reflecting what we are able to achieve via the Private Members Bill currently before Parliament, and what we intend to achieve more broadly. I hope to respond fully to your recommendations by the end of February.

As you of course know, the Supported Housing Bill introduced by your committee member Bob Blackman MP, and supported by the Government, will go some way to tackling the problems we are seeing. The Government has also introduced the Supported Housing Improvement Programme and committed to legislate when Parliamentary time allowed. Overall, I am determined to acting to ensure that rogue providers cannot escape regulation.

I am committed to work with you and your Committee on this issue. Those living in exempt housing must receive the quality accommodation and support they deserve.

**With every good wish,**

**RT HON MICHAEL GOVE MP**

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