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By email

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Dear Baroness Scott,

Leasehold and Freehold Reform Bill

I write on behalf of the Constitution Committee about the Leasehold and Freehold Reform Bill.

Clause 119(1) provides the Secretary of State with a power to make consequential provision. Clause 119(2) states that regulations made under this section “may amend, repeal or revoke provision made by or under—(a) an Act of Parliament passed before, or in the same Session as, this Act, or (b) this Act”.

We note that clause 119 allows the Secretary of State to make consequential amendment to future acts. We would be grateful to receive clarification as to why this is necessary, given that the Government is in a position to ensure that future legislation is compatible with the provisions in the Bill.

We would also be grateful to receive assurances that regulations under clause 119 will not be used in a manner that could overturn amendments made to future legislation after it has gained Royal Assent.

Yours sincerely,

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Chair of the Constitution Committee