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Dear Helen,

I am writing following the publication of the Education Select Committee's report "Scrutiny of the Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill". I wanted to thank you for sharing a copy of the report in advance of publication. We are currently considering the report's conclusions and recommendations and we will respond in due course.

You will have seen that the Leader of the House of Commons has announced that the Report Stage of the Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill will take place over two days, on Monday 17 and Tuesday 18 March. You will appreciate this timeline means that we are unable to produce a considered and full response to the Committee's report ahead of the final Commons stages of the Bill's passage.

I'm sure you will agree that this Bill is a key piece of legislation fundamental to achieving our government's Opportunity Mission to break the link between young people's background and their future success. I hope that two days of further scrutiny of the Bill will provide for constructive debate. I am also grateful for the thought and scrutiny you have given the Bill and I look forward to the discussion on your amendments.

I expect to respond to your report in the usual timeframes, and by no later than 28 April.

Yours,

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