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Dear Caroline

Extending the Conversion Therapy Consultation

I was grateful for the opportunity to give evidence to the Women and Equalities Committee on the 30 November, where I outlined the Government's absolute commitment to tackling conversion therapy practices and bringing forward an effective ban as soon as parliamentary time allows. I am writing to update the Committee about an extension to the Government's consultation on conversion therapy, which as you know sets out proposals on how to ban the practice.

The Government has made the decision to extend the consultation period to Friday 4 February 2022, to ensure everyone has a chance to share their views, in particular those who wished to access an Easy Read version of the consultation which is now available. We will continue to welcome responses via the main portal on GOV.UK.

The two ways to respond are as follows, both available at:

www.gov.uk/government/consultations/banning-conversion-therapy

- The full-length consultation document, supporting documents and the link to the online portal for responses
- The Easy Read version, which can be completed then returned by email or post:

The Government remains committed to preparing legislation for Spring 2022 for introduction as soon as Parliamentary time allows. We know that LGBT people who experience conversion therapy can suffer serious negative impacts. We want everybody to be free to be themselves.

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