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Dear Juliet,

Thank you for your letter of 27th August 2019. I really welcome your members continued support for this commitment to incorporate the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) into Scots Law for children and families across Scotland.

To deliver this commitment, the Scottish Government have consulted widely, including with children, young people and families, public authorities and the third sector to develop the model of incorporation that will deliver the best outcomes for children, young people and families in Scotland. And of the course, The Children's Rights (Scotland) Bill, drafted by the expert advisory group convened by the Children and Young People's Commissioner Scotland and Together played a key role in our consultation.

I am pleased to share that over 160 responses to the consultation were received from organisations and individuals. The independent analysis of the consultation will be published soon. I hugely value the constructive contribution that so many of your members have made through responding to the consultation including hosting and participating in events, and through membership of the UNCRC Working Group.

As you'll be aware, our intention as set out in the consultation is either to directly incorporate UNCRC rights as closely as is achievable in the Scottish context, or to transpose those rights by enacting a suite of Scottish children's rights. We will now consider the responses to the consultation, alongside the contribution from the UNCRC Working Group and dedicated engagements with other stakeholders, including children and young people.

We continue to be committed to incorporating UNCRC into Scots law before the end of this session of Parliament in 2021 and I look forward to working further with you and your members on how we make rights a reality for our children, young people and their families.

Yours sincerely

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