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Chair, Local Government and Housing Committee

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Dear John,

I am writing to thank you and the committee clerks for your hard work and dedication during my time on the Local Government and Housing Committee. I have thoroughly enjoyed being a member of the committee and am proud of the important scrutiny we have undertaken over the last 3 years.

In particular, I believe our recent work on the Private Rental Sector in Wales is a vital intervention. We face a serious housing crisis, with first time buyers faced with the biggest barriers to getting on the property ladder in the last 70 years. This means more and more people are having to rely on private rentals.

I would like to highlight the additional evidence provided in the papers to note from our meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup> of April. The evidence provided by the Dogs Trust and PropertyMark regarding pets in private rented accommodation is extremely pertinent. Given that just 7% of adverts are listed as 'pet friendly' there is clearly a long way to go to end discrimination against pet owners.

I trust that the committee will consider this evidence carefully and I hope it will be published in the final report. It is important that we shine a light on the plight of pet owners reliant on privately rented accommodation.

Yours sincerely,

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