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Cardiff Bay
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Dear David,

I am writing to place on record my thanks to the Committee for its comprehensive consideration of this Bill. Your scrutiny is essential if we are to make this legislation a success and I understand my Private Office has been in touch to arrange a meeting to discuss the report further ahead of the plenary debate on 8 October.

Ahead of this, I wanted to share with the Committee my responses to a number of the recommendations made and for which I am minded to table amendments. These are as follows:

- Procedural changes from the Negative to Affirmative legislative procedure relating to the following sections:
 - 3(6) – Meaning of ‘disabled’
 - 7(3) – Definitions of ‘social enterprises, co-operatives and third sector organisations’
 - 9(3) – Definitions of ‘blind, deaf, and both blind and deaf’
 - 23 – Duty to meet care and support needs of a child
 - 26 – Duty to meet care and support needs of an adult carer
 - 27 – Duty to meet care and support needs of a child carer
 - 105(9) – Adult Protection and Support Orders
 - 112(4) – Functions and procedures of Safeguarding Boards
- A change in procedure from Affirmative to Super-Affirmative for Section 117, which relates to the power to merge Adults and Children’s Safeguarding Boards.

I would also like to take this opportunity to share with you a table which sets out a summary of the categories of amendments I am proposing to table on behalf of the Government during Stage 2. I wanted to do this ahead of the process formally starting in October so you had as much time as possible to consider the potential impact of these changes.

I hope you will agree that both the amendments above and those included in the table attached are a clear representation of my commitment to listening to the Committee and to stakeholders.

I am copying this letter and table of my responses to your recommendations to the Chair of the Health and Social Care Committee.

Yours sincerely

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Gwenda Thomas AC / AM

Y Dirprwy Weinidog Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol
Deputy Minister for Social Services