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Dear Chair,

Regulation & Inspection of Social Care (Wales) Bill

Following the publication of your Stage 1 Report on the Regulation & Inspection of Social Care (Wales) Bill, I wanted to formally express my support for the Report and its recommendations.

I am pleased that the Committee have taken on board my evidence to the Committee and have responded to the concerns I raised. There are a number of recommendations that directly address the areas I deemed as 'missed opportunities' and also take forward some of the Requirements for Action made in my Care Home Review, A Place to Call Home?, which I drafted with the intention that they would be taken forward by this legislation.

I have written to the Minister for Health & Social Services and have also sent a briefing to all Assembly Members expressing my full support for the Report's recommendations and recommending that they are enacted.

Yours sincerely,

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Older People's Commissioner for Wales