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Thank you for your letter of 28 March about the Supported Housing (Regulatory Oversight) Bill, and for facilitating correspondence from members of the public through Crisis' 'Regulate the Rogues' campaign. Please accept my sincere apologies for the delay in my response.

I am very clear that the shocking issue of rogue supported housing landlords exploiting the system and taking advantage of vulnerable people cannot continue. That is why I am giving my full support to the Supported Housing Bill and will drive the implementation of the measures in the Bill once it receives Royal Assent, including the national support standards and local licensing schemes to enforce standards.

Whilst I do that, we will work in partnership with the many good providers operating in the sector. The consultation on the measures in the Bill will help us achieve the correct balance.

I am grateful for Crisis' 'Regulate the Rogues' campaign which has highlighted the lived experience of people who have been directly impacted by this totally unacceptable situation. Through the Supported Housing Bill, we will make sure that people living in supported housing, like Hannah and Richard, receive tailored support. We will also support the vital role of professionals working in and around the sector, such as Housing Officers like Sam, by empowering local authorities to make sure all supported housing in their area is safe and appropriate.

I would also like to extend my thanks to all the members of the public who have written to me through the 'Regulate the Rogues' campaign regarding this important issue. I am publishing this response for those who wrote through the campaign to see.

I would be delighted to meet with you to discuss the matters in your letter. My office will be in touch with you shortly to finalise the details.

Thank you again for writing to me on this important matter.

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