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Dear Gina

UNCRC (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill

On behalf of the Committee, I wanted to write to extend our thanks to the young people who participated in the session to assist us with our scrutiny of the UNCRC (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill at reconsideration stage. Many thanks to you too for organising the session at such short notice.

The contribution made by the young people was extremely valuable and enabled us to hear directly about what is most important to children and young people across Scotland. This is a crucial part of our scrutiny when we are making recommendations to the Scottish Government about what more needs to be done to realise children's rights.

We have now concluded our scrutiny and published our letter to the Scottish Government with our findings and recommendations. The links to the sessions with Together and with the Children and Young People's Commissioner are included at para 35 and are also published on the <u>Committee consideration section of the</u> <u>Reconsideration Stage Bill page</u>.

We are most grateful for the time taken by the young people to engage with the Committee and ensure that they are able to influence the matters that directly affect them.

With best wishes

Yours sincerely

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