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Dear Mr Farrell

## THE HOUSING (SCOTLAND) ACT 2001 (ASSISTANCE TO REGISTERED SOCIAL LANDLORDS AND OTHER PERSONS) (GRANTS) AMENDMENT REGULATIONS 2012 (SSI 2012/258)

We spoke this morning about the above Regulations which are to be considered by members of the Infrastructure and Capital Investment Committee at their meeting on Wednesday 7 November.

I am aware that members of the Committee have some concerns about the terms of these Regulations and the Minister and officials have been invited to the meeting on Wednesday to discuss these. Officials have given this matter further consideration and in light of the Committee's concerns and concerns expressed by the Subordinate Legislation Committee it has been decided that the current Regulations should be revoked before they come into force on 19 November. A further set of Regulations is likely to be made in the near future to replace these Regulations.

Unfortunately it will not be possible to draft Regulations to revoke these Regulations and to have them made and laid before the Parliament before Wednesday. However as we discussed I hope that this letter is sufficient to inform members of the Committee of Ministers' intentions.

In the circumstances it would be helpful if you could confirm whether it will be necessary for the Minister or officials to appear at the meeting on Wednesday.

Should you require anything more please let me know.

Yours sincerely

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