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Dear Secretary of State,

### **Section 30 Order for votes for 16-17 year olds in Scotland**

I note the media coverage today of the discussions that have taken place during the period of the Joint Ministerial Committee and the suggestion that the UK Government has agreed to use a section 30 order to provide the Scottish Parliament with the powers to introduce votes for 16-17 year olds in time for the next Scottish election.

As you know, this is a subject of great interest to this Committee and, given the Committee's remit, it can be anticipated that any section 30 order will be considered by us in due course. I would therefore appreciate further information from you on the process and timetable that you expect to be followed, so that the Committee as a whole can consider this matter.

I look forward to your early response.

Yours sincerely,

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Convener