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Dear Andrew,

Thank you for your letter of 18 March to the Secretary of State, the Rt Hon Michael Gove MP, regarding the Renters (Reform) Bill. I am responding as the Minister responsible for this policy area.

This Government is absolutely committed to delivering a better deal for renters, improving the private rented sector (PRS) for responsible tenants and good landlords.

As you are aware, the Renters (Reform) Bill will deliver a fairer, more secure, and higher-quality PRS that is fit for the 21st century. We will abolish section 21 evictions and move to a simpler tenancy structure where all assured tenancies are periodic – providing more security for tenants and empowering them to challenge poor practice without fear of eviction. The Bill will also introduce a new Private Rented Sector Ombudsman and apply a Decent Homes Standard in the PRS for the first time.

The Bill was introduced to Parliament on 17 May and has now completed Commons Second Reading and Committee Stages. The Bill's next stage is Commons Report Stage, and I am pleased to confirm the Bill will be returning to the Commons after the Easter recess. The dates for future stages of the Bill are subject to parliamentary scheduling and will be announced in due course. Our priority is remains to pass this vital legislation before the end of this Parliament.

Following Royal Assent of the Renters (Reform) Bill, we will allow time for a smooth transition to the new system. We will support tenants, landlords and agents to adjust to and understand the new rules, while making sure that they can benefit from the reforms as soon as possible. We will also update and improve the court possession process so that users have a modern service which aligns with the implementation of our reforms. You can follow the progress of the Bill on the Parliament website here: <https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/3462>.

Thank you for writing on this important matter.


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