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Dear Derek,

IRRESPONSIBLE PARKING

I wrote to you on 24 November 2015 on the subject of responsible parking, to set out my preference for making changes in the current Scotland Bill if possible.

Since then UK Government and Scottish Government officials have been discussing the detail, with your officials providing helpful comments on the drafting of clauses.

As a result of this positive engagement I am pleased to be able to let you know that today the Government has tabled amendments to the Scotland Bill in the House of Lords. These amendments, which will be debated on 24 February, are designed to answer the questions of legal competence, by making it clear that the Scottish Parliament has the powers necessary to take forward future legislation in this area.

I am aware that in consequence of this change there may be some further minor and technical amendments required in relation to the transfer of executive competence. We will continue to discuss this with your officials and will look to bring forward any necessary amendments at Third Reading.

I am sure that you will agree that this is a positive step, and I am grateful for the input of your officials in this process.

I also know that these changes will be welcomed by people across Scotland who wish to see the Scottish Parliament taking responsibility for and addressing this issue.

This letter is copied to Bruce Crawford MSP and Sandra White MSP.

**Rt Hon DAVID MUNDELL MP
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR SCOTLAND**