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WRITTEN SUBMISSION

I saw the article in the Times regarding this bill, Firstly if as you say in your article that you would like to hear from the public regarding this bill it would help if you included a contact address or email. Regarding the bill over the past few months I have been contacted by my local Council regarding Factoring. The Council are of the opinion that the bill affects property owners and is a way for the Council to raise funds. After reading the bill I pointed out to the Council that the definition of a "Home Owner" was anyone that owned a property that is used for housing, i.e. this is the Council so if they were to impose a fee on property owner they would have to pay the fee themselves. Like wise "Housing Bill Scotland" should make it perfectly clear that any legislation applies equally to property owners whether they are Council or private and cannot be used as a money making exercise by any Council. To give you an example In Paisley they have introduced a policy of cyclical maintenance and are applying this to all Council owned housing. The affect of this is that where private owners are in the same building they are hit by charges for maintenance that is not necessary but because it is on the list it has to be done. Who gains while the property is maintained the winners are the Council Direct Labour Force who are guaranteed years of work.

I hope you take my comments into consideration

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