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Ms Sigrid Robinson
Health and Sport Committee Clerks
Room T3.41
The Scottish Parliament
Edinburgh
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Dear Ms Robinson

Smoking Prohibition (Children in Motor Vehicles) (Scotland) Bill

Thank you for your letter dated 22 June 2015 following the oral evidence session regarding the above Bill on 16 June 2015.

The Institute has considered your request for additional evidence regarding the raising of a child concern form that would be shared with the named person under the GIRFEC principles and the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014. As you are aware, the Institute exists to promote environmental health for the benefit of the community and to set high standards of professional practice for Environmental Health Officers. We are not in the position to comment further. However, should the raising of a child concern form become necessary as part of the enforcement requirements of the Bill, then the Institute believes that local authority environmental health professionals would be competent to fulfil this requirement after a period of appropriate training.

I hope that these comments are useful, and the Institute looks forward to working with the Scottish Parliament as the Bill progresses.

Yours sincerely

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Director of Professional Development.