1. I am responding to your request for written evidence as part of its Stage 1 consideration of the High Hedges (Scotland) introduced Tuesday 2 October 2012.

2. I am one of six households suffering the consequence of our neighbour's high hedge. This has destroyed our outlook onto the beautiful Clyde estuary and reduced light particularly entering four of the flats. I had a House Estate agent provide me with an estimate on what my flat would be worth with my Clyde view maintained, and evaluated this would be an increase of 12 to 15 percent in the property value.

3. Without this Bill we will not be able to have our quality of life as it was before our neighbour's Leylandii hedges grew way above what a high hedge should be, as stated in this Bill, (the hedge in question is now three storey's high, and still growing). Our neighbour has not responded to our numerous requests to reduce his hedge's height. We have even involving the good office of our MSP to write on our behalf. Therefore our neighbour has made it clear he will not comply to our request to have this hedge lowered without being forced to by having to face the Legal consequences as outlined in the High Hedges Bill.

4. I recommend this Bill as the only means to find a solution and therefore give my full support for this Bill on High Hedges to go through Parliament to be implemented thereafter.