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Dear Joe,

The Scottish Government notes the report on Petition PE1817: End Conversion Therapy published by the Equality, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee in January 2022.

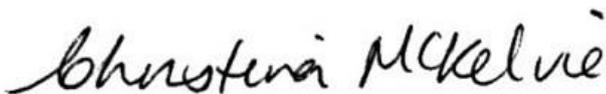
The Scottish Government is clear about the need to act to end conversion practices in Scotland. They are harmful, discriminatory, and have no place in our society. We are committed to ensuring that everyone, regardless of their sexual orientation or gender identity, is safe from conversion practices in Scotland.

I would like to acknowledge and thank those who gave evidence to the Committee, and am particularly grateful to those with lived experience of these abhorrent practices who had the courage to come forward and have their voices heard.

I have considered the Committee's report in detail and attach the Scottish Government's response to each finding in the accompanying annex.

I would welcome further engagement with the Committee on the potential to work together on legislation to introduce a ban and will begin discussions with the Committee on next steps.

Yours sincerely,



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