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Committee
c/o Clerk to the Committee

Maurice Golden MSP
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Dear Finlay

Dog Theft (Scotland) Bill

I write to thank the Rural Affairs and Islands Committee for the work you have done in scrutinising the Dog Theft (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1, and for reporting so timeously.

I read with interest your Stage 1 report, published on 2 July 2025, and welcome the careful consideration you have given to my Bill and recommendations you have made. I am delighted that the Committee has agreed to recommend that the Parliament agrees to the General Principles of the Bill.

I note that the Committee has made a number of recommendations for ways in which it considers the Bill could be refined at Stage 2. I look forward to responding to each of those points during the Stage 1 debate, and to continued constructive engagement with your committee and with the Minister for Victims and Community Safety.

I am copying this letter to Siobhian Brown MSP, Minister for Victims and Community Safety.

Yours sincerely

Maurice Golden MSP