Dear Minister for the Cabinet Office and Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster

European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018

I am writing to you on behalf of the Health and Sport Committee in the Scottish Parliament and given your responsibility to oversee devolution consequences of an EU exit.

We have been considering a number of proposals by the Scottish Government to consent to the UK Government legislating using the powers under the European Union (Withdrawal) Act in relation to UK statutory instrument proposals. To date these statutory instrument proposals have covered issues regarding tobacco, tissue, organs, blood and food.

Our consideration of these proposals has highlighted some variation in the timing of the provision of information on the UK statutory instrument proposals to the Scottish Government from the UK Government.

As a Committee we believe it is important that the Scottish Government receives as much information as early as possible allowing it to take an informed decision on its approach. This then allows the Committee when considering whether to consent to the approach proposed by the Scottish Government to be confident the Scottish Government has adequate information on which to base its application to us. We
would be grateful if you could encourage all Whitehall departments and Ministers to provide full and timely information to the Scottish Government on all such UK Statutory Instrument Proposals.

Yours sincerely

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