The Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee invites all interested individuals and organisations to submit written evidence on the Seat Belts on School Transport (Scotland) Bill and its likely impact. The Committee welcomes views on all of the Bill’s proposals. In particular, the Committee would like to hear your views on the following questions:

1. Are you in favour of the Bill and its provisions? Do you think the Bill achieves its aim of improving safety on school transport?

2. 18 local authorities have already chosen to make it a requirement of their school bus contracts for seat belts to be fitted on dedicated school transport. Do you feel that this has been successful?

3. Is there anything else that you feel should be included in the Bill?

4. Will the Bill and its provisions have a particular impact on equalities groups?

**Purpose of the Bill**

The purpose of the Bill is to require that seat belts are fitted on all motor vehicles which are used in dedicated school transport services.

**How to submit your evidence**

Before making a submission, please read our [Policy on Treatment of Written Evidence by Subject and Mandatory Committees](#).

Please send your views no later than **14 April 2017**.

Responses should be sent, wherever possible, electronically and in MS Word format to: rec.committee@parliament.scot

Hard copy responses may be sent to: Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee, T3.60, Scottish Parliament, Edinburgh EH99 1SP

Ideally, responses should be no more than four sides of A4 in length.

All written evidence received may be published by the Parliament and will be treated as a public document. If you wish to submit evidence in confidence or
anonymously please read the policy at the link above or contact Claire Murrie, details below.

Contact

Should you require alternative formats of this information or further assistance in making a written submission to the Committee, please do not hesitate to contact the clerking team of the Committee.

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