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Dear Mr Gove,

As Chief Executive of the Property Care Association, on behalf of our members I would like to welcome the new Social Housing Bill, including Awaab's Law, and congratulate you on the work achieved in this area thus far.

However, we would like some clarity about the scope of the new legislation and would appreciate your thoughts on the following:

- Does the social housing definition of 'housing to rent below the market rent or to buy through shared ownership or equity percentage arrangements, that is made available to people whose needs are not adequately served by the housing market' encompass specific accommodation types such as Service Family Accommodation and supported exempt accommodation?
- Will the Social Housing Bill ensure that personnel living in Service Family Accommodation will have the same rights and benefits as set out for social housing tenants, or will equivalent regulations and standards be implemented through alternative legislation?

We believe it is important that, in accordance with the Armed Forces Covenant: 'those who serve in the Armed Forces should face no disadvantage compared to other citizens in the provision of public and commercial services' and that those living in all types of social, supported or government-provided accommodation should benefit from the standards set out in this Bill.

I would greatly appreciate your thoughts on this matter and look forward to sharing your response with our members.

Yours sincerely,



Stephen Hodgson
Chief Executive, Property Care Association