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Peter Bone MP and Albert Owen MP  
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Dear Peter and Albert,

#### **IMMIGRATION BILL – SUPPORT FOR CERTAIN CATEGORIES OF MIGRANT**

Prior to the introduction of the Immigration Bill, we concluded a public consultation on reforming support for failed asylum seekers and other illegal migrants. The consultation closed on 9 September. We received 873 responses from a variety of stakeholders including local authorities, devolved administrations, non-governmental organisations, campaign groups and individuals. These responses helped to inform our policy before the Bill was introduced. We have now published the response to the consultation. It can be found on GOV.UK and I am additionally enclosing a copy.

The government believes that support should be provided to certain categories of migrant where this is required by our international obligations, but it should not be provided to those who have had their applications refused, who have exhausted any right of appeal they may have and who could and should leave the UK. Part 5 of the Bill restricts the support we give to people whose asylum claims have been found unsubstantiated, and their dependants, to those who are destitute and face a genuine obstacle to leaving the UK.

The government has also now published a policy equality statement on reforming support for failed asylum seekers and other illegal migrants. This can be found on GOV.UK and is also enclosed.

Both documents are available online at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/immigration-bill-part-5-support-for-certain-categories-of-migrant>

I am copying this letter to members of the Committee and I will place a copy of this letter in the House library.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'James Brokenshire', written in a cursive style.

**Rt Hon James Brokenshire**