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Dear Sirs:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed Building Repairs (Scotland) Bill.

It is worth bearing in mind that while many older people in Scotland may have assets as home owners, they are often cash-poor with little or no access to capital at short notice. Age Scotland, therefore, support the proposal contained within the Bill to extend to 12 weeks the notice period given under a Defective Building Notice. We hope this will provide residents more time to carry out repairs on their properties.

However, we feel it will be necessary to ensure that older people without a ready supply of disposable capital be given sufficient time to release funds to pay for works required on their property. While we appreciate the need for agreed deadlines with regard to financial matters, it is a concern that such rigid timescales as contained in the proposed Bill could risk unintentionally disadvantaging some of the most vulnerable members of society.

I hope this is helpful.

Kind regards,

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