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Dear Susan

Thank you for your letter of 15 July 2019 on behalf of Glasgow City Council welcoming the publication of the Referendums (Scotland) Bill.

I know that the people of Glasgow were amongst the staunchest supporters of independence at the 2014 referendum and I am pleased to hear that their support for independence still continues.

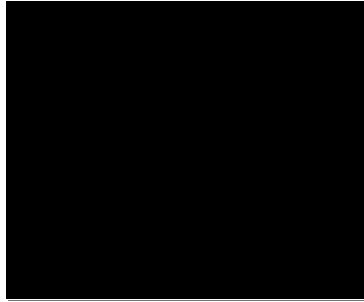
As you know, the current Scottish Government was elected with a mandate to offer the people of Scotland a choice over Scotland's future within this parliamentary term, should Scotland be taken out of the European Union against its will. There is also a majority in the Scottish Parliament for this position. This is why the Scottish Government has introduced legislation to set the rules for any referendum that is now, or in future, within the competence of the Scottish Parliament. The Scottish Government hopes that the Bill will have completed its Parliamentary progress by the end of this calendar year.

As the First Minister said in April, it is the intention of the Government to offer the people of Scotland a choice on independence later in this term of parliament. We intend, at a future date, to negotiate with the UK Government for a section 30 order to put beyond doubt our competence to hold a referendum on independence.

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I am pleased to hear that the Council is in agreement with the principles in the Bill and I would be grateful if you could pass on my thanks to the Council for their continuing support for independence.



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