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Dear Bob

BAILIFFS: ENFORCEMENT OF DEBT (17th REPORT)

The Government is grateful to the Committee for its report on Bailiffs: Enforcement of Debt published on 11 April 2019.

As you know the Ministry of Justice is currently undertaking a review of the enforcement agent (bailiff) reforms which came into force in 2014. We recently held a call for evidence to inform that review. We received almost 300 responses from a range of interested parties, including: people who have been visited by a bailiff; the advice sector, the enforcement industry, creditors who use bailiffs, including local authorities and members of the judiciary. We also received data from a range of sources including the enforcement agent trade associations, to help us to assess the impact of the regulations.

I understand that it is the intention of the Committee that its findings would feed into our review. I am pleased to say that it will help with our task enormously. We are reflecting on the Committee's report and fully considering the recommendations and how they interact with the findings of our call for evidence.

We propose to respond to your Report substantially in the summer at the same time as we publish the findings of our call for evidence and our response.

Yours ever,

PAUL MAYNARD MP

P.S. so fascinating and important area of policy to get right.