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To:

**The Rt Hon John Swinney MSP, First Minister of Scotland
Màiri McAllan MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Wellbeing Economy, Net Zero and Energy
(Housing Minister)**

Subject: Request for Urgent Meeting Regarding RAAC-Affected Homeowners in Renfrewshire

Dear First Minister Swinney and Cabinet Secretary McAllan,

We are writing to request an urgent meeting with both of you regarding the escalating crisis faced by homeowners affected by Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC) in Renfrewshire.

I, Wilson Chowdhry, Chair of the UK RAAC Campaign Group, have been supporting and coordinating advocacy efforts for affected residents across Scotland and the wider UK. Alongside me, Jodie Hillcoat, Chair of the Renfrewshire RAAC Campaign Group, represents hundreds of homeowners and tenants in the Renfrewshire area who are directly impacted by this issue.

Recent updates from Bridgewater Housing Association and Linstone Housing Association have caused significant concern among residents.

- In Erskine, approximately 264 properties managed by Bridgewater Housing Association have been identified as RAAC-affected. Bridgewater has announced plans to proceed with roof replacement works using an approved supplier, but has done so without any consultation or engagement with tenants or property owners. Despite repeated requests, residents have received no clarity on the scope, cost, timeline, or impact of these works.

- In Linwood, Linstone Housing Association has similarly confirmed that 65 RAAC-affected homes will undergo roof replacement works, and has now gone out to tender. Again, this has occurred without prior consultation or any effort to provide reassurance or choice to affected households.

Across these communities, a total of 329 households in Erskine and many more in Linwood have been left in limbo — anxious about their safety, their homes, and the financial burden these repairs may bring. The local council and the Scottish Government have so far failed to engage directly with these residents, despite repeated requests for dialogue.

We must also highlight that no public meeting has been offered by Renfrewshire Council or the housing associations to address residents' growing concerns. Those affected are seeking:

- Full disclosure of RAAC inspection findings and structural safety assessments.
- Proper consultation before any contractual or financial commitments are made, including consideration of more cost-effective alternatives such as the *ReGrid* system, already being used elsewhere in national infrastructure projects.
- Clear information on potential costs to property owners and realistic timelines for the works.
- Direct engagement from government representatives to provide transparency and accountability.

The most pressing question remains: if the UK Government refuses to fund RAAC remediation, will the Scottish Government take responsibility for a crisis that has arisen from historic construction practices and decisions by local authorities? These are not isolated cases — they represent a national failure of safety and oversight, affecting ordinary families who deserve protection and answers.

Housing is a devolved matter. With that power comes the duty to act decisively. We urge the Scottish Government to meet with us and affected residents from Renfrewshire to discuss immediate support, long-term solutions, and a fair framework for remediation.

We trust that you will recognise the urgency of this situation and prioritise engagement with those living through the devastating consequences of this growing national scandal.

Yours sincerely,



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