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Dear Bill

I am writing in response to your letter of 11 August advising of your intention to step down as Chair of the Poverty and Inequality Commission with 3 months' notice.

Firstly, I am sorry to hear you are resigning on health grounds. Your health should come above all else and I hope that you can make a full recovery and wish you well.

I am sorry that we are losing you as Chair of the Commission but in the circumstances this is to be expected and I am grateful that you have indicated that you are willing to serve your three month notice period to ensure a smooth transition for the Commission. Your notice period will run from 12 August 2023 to 11 November 2023.

I am grateful for all that you have delivered during your time as Chair, particularly the sensitivity with which you have engaged with the very real challenges that have faced far too many in society over recent years and the particular impact this has had on those living in poverty and with other inequalities.

I know that you will continue to make a positive contribution to this Government's mission to tackle inequality and reduce poverty in communities across Scotland.

Yours sincerely,

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