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Dear Secretary of State

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND HOUSING BILL

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Thank you for your letter of 24 May.

I have no objection to your tabling the amendments you propose; as you say they are consistent with our objective of removing unnecessary barriers to the right to buy. As the provisions relating to children and other relatives succeeding to a tenancy in the legislation for England and Wales are similar in effect, I propose, subject to the views of colleagues, to consult with a view to bringing forward amendments with a similar effect at a later stage of the Bill. I should therefore be grateful if your officials could keep in close touch with mine about the detail of your amendments.

I am copying this to members of E(LF) and L Committees and to Sir Robin Butler.

Yours sincerely

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(Approved by the Secretary of State and signed in his absence)

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The Rt Hon Peter Walker MBE MP

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14 June 1989

Dear Secretary of State

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND HOUSING BILL

I have seen a copy of Malcolm Rifkind's letter to you of 24 May in which he proposes amendments relating to the calculation of discount entitlement under the Right to Buy.

I agree that Malcolm's proposed amendments are consistent with our policy of removing barriers which may discourage tenants from exercising the Right to Buy and I am content that he proceeds as proposed. I understand that, subject to the views of colleagues, you intend to consult with a view to bringing forward amendments with a similar effect for England and Wales legislation. I would like to consult separately in Wales and should be grateful if your officials could keep mine fully informed of developments on this matter.

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Yours sincerely
Keith Jarvis

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