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*Dear Chris,*

COMMUNITY CHARGE: EXEMPTION FOR THE SEVERELY MENTALLY IMPAIRED

I have seen a copy of Malcolm Rifkind's letter to you of 20 October, requesting agreement to the tabling today of two minor amendments at the House of Lords Report Stage of the Local Government and Housing Bill. I am writing to confirm the message which my private secretary has already conveyed by telephone to your private office and the offices of Alexander Hesketh and Malcolm Rifkind.

*attached*

I am content that in the circumstances the amendments concerned should be tabled today. I suggest that Alexander Hesketh and Russell Sanderson ought to inform the Opposition, the Liberals and the disability Peers about this, since the amendments constitute good news.

I am copying this to members of E(LG) to Alexander Hesketh, Russell Sanderson and to Sir Robin Butler.

*Yours sincerely*

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The Rt Hon Chris Patten MP

