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Dear Conor

**Re: Fair Access to Education for Looked-after Children**

Thank you for emailing me regarding young people in care and access to education.

I am writing to confirm that I have supported motion S4M-04517. It is deeply concerning that care leavers continue to be underrepresented in further and higher education. I highly commend the work of organisations such as the Care Leavers Foundation and similar organisations including Buttle UK for the outstanding work that they do. It is vital that the Scottish Government work with these organisations to help improve access to further and higher education for people who have been in care.

I have also supported my colleague Neil Findlay MSP's motion (S4M-03746: Unlocking Scotland's Potential: Promoting Social Justice Through Fairer Access to Higher Education) and I strongly believe that access to education is important for social mobility and justice.

Yours sincerely and best wishes

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