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Dear Dr Pelan

Thank you for your letter inviting Barnardo's NI to make a written submission to the Committee for Social Development with regards amendments to the Welfare Reform Bill.

The potentially adverse impact of welfare reform on vulnerable children, young people and families is an issue of concern for Barnardo's NI. We believe every effort should be made to identify potential policy variations that will help protect children in Northern Ireland and are part of the NI Welfare Reform Group which is seeking a tailored NI approach to welfare reform. Barnardo's NI is therefore making a response to the Bill as part of that Group, which is being coordinated and submitted on behalf of members by Law Centre NI.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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