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Thank you for your letter of 26 August to Gavin Barwell MP, on behalf of a number of your constituents, about supporting the Homelessness Reduction Bill at its second reading on 28 October 2016. I am replying as this falls within my Ministerial responsibilities.

England already has a strong homelessness safety net, yet we remain clear that one person without a home is one too many. We are determined that we provide earlier and more effective support and advice to those at risk of homelessness, and that is why we are investing over £500 million in the next four years to tackle homelessness. This includes protecting £315 million for local authority homelessness prevention funding.

We are clear that we want to go further by putting prevention at the heart of our approach to tackling homelessness. That is why in December 2015, I made a commitment to work with homelessness organisations and across Departments to consider options, including legislation, to prevent more people from becoming homeless.

We welcome the opportunity to examine the early draft of the Homelessness Reduction Bill, and we will keep close to developments ahead of its second reading on 28 October 2016.

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