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Dear Ms Gillespie


**Re: The Public Authorities Reform (Northern Ireland) Order 07**

In response to the consultation on the above Order I would like to bring your attention to the NILGA view. NILGA have discussed the matter at several Executive Meetings and based on consultation with Councils have agreed to support the retention of the Housing Council. I understand that many Councils have already written to you to express this view.

NILGA are committed to strong local democratic accountability and believe the abolition of the Housing Council would significantly weaken local democratic input into housing issues. I trust that you will take account of these views in your ongoing work.

Please do hesitate to contact me if I can be of any further assistance.

Yours sincerely



**Heather Moorhead**  
Chief Executive

