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Dear Natalie,

Thank you for your letter of 17 January, about the United Nations Association – UK's campaign in support of the International Development (Gender Equality) Bill.

I would also like to thank you for your kind comments about my support for the Bill. I feel passionately about international development, and have made increasing voice, choice and control for girls and women a priority in UK aid.

I welcome the work of UNA-UK in raising awareness of the Bill and encouraging its members to urge their MPs to support this piece of legislation. The Government was pleased with the progress of the Bill on 17 January when it cleared the House of Commons, and will support its advancement through the House of Lords.

For the longer term, the UK Government has been clear in its ambitions post-2015 on gender equality and girls and women empowerment, calling for a standalone goal as well as having these issues reflected in all of the goals.

I look forward to UNA's continuing support on these critical issues to improve the lives of girls and women across the world.

Best Wishes,

Justine

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