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**Re: The Protection of Workers (Scotland) Bill (*Formerly the Workers (Aggravated Offences) Bill (Scotland)*).**

Dear Alan,

Thank you for your support and helpful response to the consultation document I published a year ago on my proposal for Workers (Aggravated Offences) Bill. I wanted to take this opportunity to inform you of the proposed Bills progress.

The views and comments you and others conveyed were crucial in shaping the Bill and in demonstrating the case for it. The Bill, titled *the Workers (Aggravated Offences) Bill (Scotland)* in the consultation document you received a year ago is now called the *Protection of Workers (Scotland) Bill*. The Bill had to overcome two considerable hurdles. The first was to garner enough support in the Scottish Parliament from MSPs for the Bill to proceed to formal introduction and the second was to draft a Bill in time to be formally introduced before this summer's parliamentary recess. I am pleased to report that these hurdles were overcome.

Over the course of the next few months supporting trade unions, I and other Labour MSPs who support the Bill will be campaigning for the Bill to make the case for its passage. If you are in a position to provide further information and support I would greatly appreciate this.

If you would like to discuss these matters further please contact my office.

Yours sincerely,

**Hugh Henry MSP.**