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Clare Haughey MSP Convener Health, Social Care and Sport Committee The Scottish Parliament Edinburgh EH99 1SP

## Dear Ms Haughey

I write to you in response to the recent call for evidence on the Assisted Dying for Terminally III Adults (Scotland) Bill.

The Association of British Insurers (ABI) does not take a position on whether assisted dying should or should not be permitted. However, we thought it would be useful to draw the Committee's attention to the ABI's interest in the debate (we also responded to the 2021 consultation, summarised <a href="here">here</a>).

In short, when proposing assisted dying legislation, we would encourage legislators to place compassion and transparency at the core of the legislation and to create strong safeguards to protect individuals. Under the current drafting of the Bill, life assurers would approach claims in the same way as other death claims.

We will continue to monitor developments in this area and seek to provide further clarity and reassurances where we can.

I hope this is helpful. If we can support the Committee with any further information, please do get in touch.

Yours sincerely,

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