**Renters’ Rights Bill**

**Contact a member of the House of Lords – letter and email template**

Lords are most likely to respond to a personalised letter or email, especially one written by a passionate individual or someone working in a local business who sets out why an issue is so important to them. To support you, here’s a template example you could use to help you write to a member of the House of Lords and or the housing minister in the Lords:

[YOUR FULL ADDRESS]

[YOUR POSTCODE]

[DATE]

Subject line: Please support Amendment 116 Review of the impact of this Act on the judicial system in the Renters’ Rights Bill

Dear [NAME OF MEMBER OF THE HOUSE OF LORDS],

My name is [YOUR NAME] and I am a letting agent from [INSERT WHERE YOU WORK] and a member of Propertymark, the UK’s leading professional membership body for property agents. I am contacting you to show your support for Amendment 116 to Review of the Impact of this Act on the Judicial System. Tabled by Baroness Thornhill, it would commit the Secretary of State to lay a report setting out the findings of the review before Parliament no later than two years after the day on which this Act is passed.

There remain long-standing concerns about the capacity and capability of the Courts, with the time from claim to hearing continuing to rise. The Bill in its current form may lead to an increase in contested hearings, as landlords that would previously have used no-fault provisions will instead have to show evidence for the reason for eviction.

*A letting agent in Somerset has stated they experience dramatically extended court hearing periods from the application of a possession order to the actual hearing date. The normal hearing timescale would have been 4-6 weeks in Taunton, pre-COVID, but this is now 4-6 months on average.*

After Clause 136, a new Clause would be inserted— Review of the impact of this Act on the judicial system:

(1) The Secretary of State must conduct a review of the impact of this Act on the judicial system.

(2) The review must assess the impact of the Act on— (a) the volume of cases brought before the courts; (b) the efficiency and timeliness of judicial proceedings; (c) the resource and administrative burden on the courts; (d) individuals’ ability to access justice.

**Please vote for Amendment 116 at Report Stage on Tuesday, 16 July 2025, in the House of Lords as the best way to support renters, landlords, and lettings agents and provide a functioning PRS.**

I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards.

[YOUR NAME]