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Now that the Health and Care Act has received Royal Assent, we are writing on behalf of NHS primary care to thank you for all your support and help in making the case for voice and influence for primary care in the restructured NHS in England, during the passage of the Bill through Your Lordships' House.

As you know, what happens in primary care is the key to what happens in the rest of the NHS. Thanks to your efforts in debates, and through proposing and supporting amendments, the Government has given positive commitments about the role of primary care in the new NHS structures and seems to be taking primary care more seriously. The current Fuller Review into the role of primary care in the integrated NHS is likely to be in part at least a response to the issues you have so effectively raised.

As ever, of course, the proof of the pudding will be in the eating and we will work hard to influence the guidance which NHS England issues on implementing Integrated Care Boards and Partnerships to ensure the voice of primary care is both heard and heeded.

In the meantime, thank you once again for your assistance. We would not be where we are - and able to advocate for patients at the primary level - without your help and support.

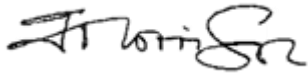
We are writing in similar terms to [Other Peers]

Thank you again for your help and support.

Yours sincerely

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