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Mr Tom Duncan  
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Dear Mr Duncan

Thank you for your letter of 8 May 2018 with information about petition No 25-17 received by the Assembly on 8 May 2018 in relation to the ACT Safe and Inclusive Schools Initiative.

In accordance with Standing Order 100, I provide you with the following response to the issues raised by the petition:

Over 1400 Canberrans have signed this petition to voice their support for the rights of same sex attracted, intersex and gender diverse students to a safe and inclusive learning environment that celebrates diversity and values young people for who they are.

Our government has a proud record for standing up for the rights of LGBTQI Canberrans and this petition demonstrates our community's commitment to supporting children and young people through the Safe and Inclusive Schools Initiative.

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to this petition.

Yours sincerely

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