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Susan Mueller HE Project Director Stand Alone

Dear Susan

## The Stand-Alone Pledge for Estranged Students in Higher Education

The University of Glasgow recognises the challenges and barriers that estranged students may face in accessing and successfully completing a university education. Over the past eight years estranged students have been acknowledged and included within our provision for Care Leavers. We are committed to supporting those students without the support of a family network, so that they can fulfil their potential and both enjoy and make the most of all that the higher education experience can offer.

As part of this commitment the University of Glasgow is now delighted to sign the Stand Alone Pledge and to fully support this important new Initiative for Estranged Students in Higher Education. We look forward to working with Stand Alone to further target, develop and enhance our provision in areas such as access, finance, accommodation and mental health; so that we can address the particular challenges that estranged students often face, and ensure that these young people have every opportunity to access and benefit from higher education.

Yours sincerely

**Professor Frank Coton**