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## **Health Strategy Motion**

Dear Ms Beattie,

Thank you for contacting my office. My assistant informed me that you require the motion I sent to Parliament on your organisation's behalf, highlighting the cross-party support it has gained.

Please find below the motion and the list of MSPs that have supported it. At present the number of MSPs from each party supporting the motion is 22 SNP, 3 Conservative, 2 Labour, 1 Independent and 1 Green.

That the Parliament welcomes the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society (RSCDS) proposed health strategy; understands that the benefits of Scottish country dancing include developing self-esteem, reducing stress and lowering the risk of dementia, obesity, heart disease and diabetes; recognises what it considers to be the benefits for communities of Scottish country dancing's social aspects, including the development of long-lasting social relationships, and notes that RSCDS is aiming to circulate its strategy to schools, NHS boards, GP surgeries, hospitals and local authorities to promote the benefits of, and encourage a wide range of age groups to get involved with, Scottish country dancing.

Supported by: Margaret Burgess, Kevin Stewart, Bill Walker, David Torrance, Anne McTaggart, Mark McDonald, Jim Eadie, Joan McAlpine, Mike MacKenzie, Humza Yousaf, Angus MacDonald, Richard Lyle, Alison Johnstone, Jamie Hepburn, Colin Beattie, Dennis Robertson, Bill Kidd, Dave Thompson, Roderick Campbell, Jamie McGrigor, Richard Simpson, Nanette Milne, Adam Ingram, Maureen Watt, Mary Scanlon, Linda Fabiani, Jean Urquhart, Annabelle Ewing, Fiona McLeod

I hope this information is of assistance..

Yours sincerely.

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