

## **P-05-968 Pay Coronavirus grants to all businesses eligible for Small Business Rate Relief same as rest of UK**

This petition was submitted by Simon Hill having collected a total of 360 signatures.

### **Text of Petition**

On 17th March 2020 the Chancellor announced that all small businesses with fewer than 9 employees and eligible for small business rate relief would receive a grant of £10,000 (the Small Business Grants Fund).

On 8th April, the Welsh Government published revised guidance in relation to self-catering accommodation. This change of policy has excluded thousands of genuine businesses from receiving grant funding that they desperately need as they have no income during the Coronavirus crisis.

### **Additional Information**

The Welsh Government have forced all holiday accommodation businesses to close due to the Coronavirus outbreak and all bookings have been cancelled. These businesses now have no income but still have the outgoings of financing and maintaining the property, which could cause great financial hardship.

In the rest of the UK, all local authorities have paid the grant funding to self-catering holiday lets. It's very unfair that these centrally funded grants are not being applied equally across the country and contrary to the Chancellor's promise.

This change in policy is already causing issues in the area as can be seen in this local press article: <https://www.dailypost.co.uk/news/north-wales-news/second-home-crackdown-hitting-genuine-18139173>

Please sign to request that the Welsh Government rescind this change of policy and distribute the Small Business Grant Fund fairly as has been done in the rest of the UK.

## **Senedd Constituency and Region**

- Dwyfor Meirionnydd
- Mid and West Wales