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Dear Jack

Thank you for your letter regarding the petition for a commemorative statue of Paul Robeson in the Valleys.

I think we can agree a commemoration would be a potentially fitting tribute for the legacy of Paul Robeson's support and generosity to the mining communities throughout Wales and the unique relationship that was formed.

The Welsh Government does not normally commission statues and does not have a specific budget to do so. The placing of commemorative statues is usually initiated by local authorities, sometimes in partnership with not-for-profit organisations or community groups.

The petitioner may wish to approach the local authorities within the proposed area to explore whether the proposal is feasible.

Yours sincerely

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