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Dear Elin

THE VALUATION FOR RATING (WALES) (CORONAVIRUS) (REVOCATION) REGULATIONS 2021

In accordance with section 11A(4) of the Statutory Instruments Act 1946, I am notifying you that there is a possibility this statutory instrument will come into force less than 21 days after it has been laid. This statutory instrument is made under paragraph 2(8) of Schedule 6 to the Local Government Finance Act 1988. It will come into force once the Rating (Coronavirus) and Directors Disqualification (Dissolved Companies) Bill (the Bill) receives Royal Assent and there is a risk this may occur within 21 days of this statutory instrument being laid. The rationale is to provide clarity of law as provisions within the Bill would supersede the *Valuation for Rating (Wales) (Coronavirus) Regulations 2021* (the existing Regulations) which came into force on 1 November. A copy of the instrument and the Explanatory Memorandum are attached for your information.

If it comes into force, this statutory instrument will revoke the existing Regulations which were put in place to protect public finances whilst the Bill progresses through Parliament. If the Bill passes, provisions within the Bill will supersede the existing Regulations and, for the sake of clarity, the existing Regulations need to be revoked. The existing Regulations will remain in place whilst the Bill progresses and in the event that the Bill does not receive Royal Assent.

Amendments in the Bill relating to Wales were laid on 9 September and I laid a Legislative Consent Memorandum on 21 September, considered by the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee and Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee who reported on 17 November and 18 November respectively. I held a Plenary debate on the Legislative Consent Motion for the Bill on 23 November, within which the Senedd granted agreement for provisions applicable to Wales to be included in the Bill.

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Rydym yn croesawu derbyn gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg. Byddwn yn ateb gohebiaeth a dderbynnir yn Gymraeg yn Gymraeg ac ni fydd gohebu yn Gymraeg yn arwain at oedi.

We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

I am copying this letter to Lesley Griffiths MS, Minister for Rural Affairs, North Wales and Trefnydd, Huw Irranca-Davies MS, Chair of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee, Peredur Owen Griffiths MS, Chair of the Finance Committee, Siwan Davies, Director of Senedd Business, Sian Wilkins, Head of Chamber and Committee Services and Julian Luke, Head of Policy and Legislation Committee Service.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rebecca Evans." The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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