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Eich cyf/Your ref P-05-1097
Ein cyf/Our ref LG/10516/21

Jack Sargeant MS
Chair - Petitions committee

12 January 2021

Dear Jack,

Thank you for your letter of 8 December regarding Petition P-05-1097 Ban game bird cages.

Animal welfare is a priority for the Welsh Government. We have made a commitment to restrict the use of cages for farmed animals. The review of our Code of Practice for the Welfare of Gamebirds Reared for Sporting Purposes will remain on hold while we work with other administrations to examine the evidence around the use of cages for breeding gamebirds. I have already provided assurance in my letter of 16 November that any changes to the Code of Practice, or to welfare legislation, will not be made without further consultation with stakeholders.

We are currently dealing with the largest outbreak of Avian Influenza the UK has ever seen, in addition to the ongoing pressures of the Covid pandemic and transition out of the European Union. For these reasons I cannot, at this time, provide you with detail on the timeline for progressing this work.

Yours sincerely,

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