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Dear Huw

### **The European Parliamentary Elections (Amendment and Revocation) (United Kingdom and Gibraltar) (EU Exit) Regulations 2022**

The Minister for Equalities and Levelling Up Communities has shared the regulations named above with me, prior to their being laid before the Houses of Parliament. The Regulations will remove remaining European Parliament-related references that are no longer necessary from certain secondary legislation relating to domestic elections. I understand the Regulations will be laid in July and the Statutory Instrument will be subject to the negative procedure.

Following careful consideration, I intend to give my consent to the Regulations, so the provisions therein apply in Wales. Normally, it is the policy of the Welsh Government that where powers lie with the Welsh Ministers, it is the responsibility of the Welsh Ministers to legislate for Wales. However, in the extraordinary circumstances of the UK's withdrawal from the EU, we recognise the need for the UK Government to legislate in certain devolved areas in exceptional cases. In this instance the proposed Regulations are a non-controversial and technical change to electoral law.

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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 can confirm that the Welsh Government will write to the UK Government shortly to provide consent for the European Parliamentary Elections (Amendment and Revocation) (United Kingdom and Gibraltar) (EU Exit) Regulations 2022, to apply to Wales on this occasion.

I will notify the Senedd in a Written Statement that I have consented to this SI when it is laid in Parliament.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Mick Antoniw". The signature is written in a cursive style. Below the signature, there is a short horizontal blue line.

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