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Jack Sargeant MS
Chair - Petitions committee
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Dear Jack Sargeant MS,

Thank you for your letter of 29 March regarding a petition for Welsh Government to fund development of a vaccine for squirrel pox.

Welsh Government welcomes the important work being carried out by all squirrel groups in Wales for red squirrel recovery, particularly by reducing the range and effect of squirrel pox carried by the non-native invasive grey squirrel.

We are grateful for the expert advice of the Wales Squirrel Forum to help us ensure precious species like the red squirrel are given the chance to thrive. The initiators of this petition have places on the Forum.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Julie James". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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