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Dear Elin,

UK Bill of Rights Bill ("the Bill") and laying of a Legislative Consent Memorandum

Further to our previous correspondence of 8 March [Attached]. At the time, the Bill had not progressed beyond first reading in the House of Commons and further to being introduced on 22 June 2022. We indicated that if the Bill proceeded to a second reading, then we would lay a Legislative Consent Memorandum before the Senedd.

On 27 June, Alex Chalk KC in his capacity as Lord Chancellor gave an update on the Bill to the Justice Committee. In response to a question, he said that having carefully considered its legislative programme, the UK Government will not be proceeding with the Bill. Officials have received confirmation of the position from their counterparts. There is therefore no reason to lay a Legislative Consent Memorandum.

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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.

As with previous correspondence, we are copying this letter to the First Minister, the Minister for Rural Affairs and North Wales, and Trefnydd, the Chair of the Equality and Social Justice Committee, the Chair of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee and the Chair of the Cross-Party Group on Human Rights.

Yours sincerely

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