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Dear William,

Thank you for your letter of 14 January, following the Petitions Committee receiving representations from the Charity Retailers Association asking that the Welsh Government reject proposals which will restrict the business rate relief for Welsh charity shops.

Professor Brian Morgan, who has chaired the Independent Task and Finish Group, has been undertaking further work on business rate relief for charity shops. He has received a number of representations in response to the call for evidence issued in December. Professor Morgan will be reporting back to me with his recommendations in early March and I will be making a Statement once I receive this.

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