

Jack Sargeant MS
Chair, Petitions Committee

3 October 2023

Dear Jack

Petition P-06-1334 Make the Senedd More Representative of the Welsh Population

Thank you for your letter of 2 October 2023 bringing the above petition to the attention of the Reform Bill Committee.

As you know, our role is to scrutinise Bills referred to us by the Business Committee. We are currently scrutinising the Welsh Government's Senedd Cymru (Members and Elections) Bill, and we anticipate that further legislation to introduce candidate level gender quotas for Senedd elections and require the publication of diversity information about candidates will also be referred to us in due course.

I will ensure that Reform Bill Committee members are made aware of the petition, and related correspondence, as we carry out our work.

You may also wish to consider drawing the petition to the attention of the Local Government and Housing Committee, which is currently scrutinising the Elections and Elected Bodies (Wales) Bill. I note that this Bill places a duty on the Welsh Ministers to put in place arrangements aimed at improving diversity within Senedd and local government democratic structures, and for individual schemes to be created and tailored to provide support for protected characteristics.

Yours sincerely



David Rees MS
Chair, Reform Bill Committee

Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg neu Saesneg. We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.