Cyflwynwyd yr ymateb hwn i <u>ymgynghoriad y Pwyllgor Biliau Diwygio</u> ar <u>Fil Senedd</u> Cymru (Aelodau ac Etholiadau).

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## SCME215 Ymateb gan: | Response from: T. Edwards

I would like you to accept this message as an objection to the Senedd Reform Bill.

The Bill is intended to meet the needs of the Senedd and not the needs of the welsh people,

it will deny the people of Wales to vote for an individual of their own choice and it will increase the tax burden of the citizens of Wales.

It will increase the power and control the Welsh Government has over the citizens of Wales, and decrease the peoples ability to become involved with politics

The Bill is designed to be oppressive, exclusive and dictatorial. The direct opposite to what Democracy means and Wales is a democratic nation.

To vote for a party and not an individual, is to vote for a manifesto. We want the right to vote for a person that we feel will represent us in the way that we want and express our views.

Here in Wales the first minister has repeatedly said, that 'we' the electorate, are in agreement, with all that the Welsh Government is doing, a) because 'we' have voted Labour, & b) because all that they are doing is in the manifesto.

However, today 463000+ Welsh people have now said, they do not like what the Welsh Government is doing. We the electorate have told the Welsh Government this via a petition. Yet, the ruling party, will not listen to the voice of the people, and ignores the voice of the people. All because there is a two lined entry, in a multi page manifesto.



We have now stepped up our disagreement with this and we message our named, elected representatives. We remind them, that we voted for them, and that we placed our faith and trust in them. These individuals are our personal, individual connection to the political process, and what we feel to be our democratic right.

We believe we live in a democracy, we believe that we have rights, we hold the belief that we can change things. We form groups and connect with other like minded people. We are and always have been a free people. And Welsh Labour, want to control us, dictate to us and take away years of democratic rule.

To vote for a party, and only the party, will take away, all of our democratic rights to be involved, and to connect with our politicians of choice.

It is only those who have power, can impose control. The more power they have, the more control is exerted. The more control they have the more they assume that they can do anything they want to those whom they control. However by control, they deny the things that makes humans different from animals. The ability to adapt, be creative and to make decisions and change.

The need to control, to deny, to oppress, to subjugate, to dictate is what this once great nation of Wales is being ruled by.

Welsh Labour NEED to control the citizens, to maintain their power, they must maintain control, and the Senedd Reform Bill, is the mechanism that is designed to maintain, control, to maintain the power over the people. The ultimate tool to reduce individual input, reduce individual involvement, reduce individual thought, and to reduce individual choice.

Therefore reducing the value of the individual and removing democracy at it's roots.

## From

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