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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SCME225 Ymateb gan: | Response from: Kay Bird

Dear Sirs,

As a passionate resident of Wales I would like to make it known that I consider the Senedd reform proposals to be inappropriate.

As you are well aware the country is in a considerable amount of debt approx £600 million, it has already been reported that vital services including mental health spending is to be cut to help balance the books. Together will the non democratic roll out of the speed reduction in many areas costing around £33 million. I find that the reported £87 million to increase the Senedd numbers would therefore be inappropriate and unjustified, when the money could be better spent on many other vital services that have received much reduced Senedd funding. This also would lead to potential loss of life our NHS is at breaking point and ambulances are held up in A&E departments because of the lack of NHS staff to attend to the emergencies. I would also like to draw your attention to the cut in mental health . I feel if this financial support is reduced to further balance the Senedd's books then more lives through suicide would possibly occur. Every time I turn on the Welsh news a different department within the Senedd is pleading poverty because of cuts to their budgets. However you are proposing to spend £87 million on more senedd members

The process of increasing the number of AMs would also be a non democratic procedure, thus leading to one party or coalition having the majority control. I therefore feel it would be unacceptable for more money to be spent on the Senedd reform proposal at the cost of lives and communities.

yours

Kay Bird

