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Aelod o'r Senedd dros
Gogledd Cymru

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Member of the Senedd for
North Wales

By email to
Minister for Rural Affairs and North Wales,
and Trefnydd

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Dear Minister

Hybu Cig Cymru / Meat Promotion Wales

I wrote to you last week expressing my concern about allegations of bullying at Hybu Cig Cymru, along with concerns about the way these have been handled by the chair and certain board members.

I urged you to explain your understanding of the current situation and to outline what action the Welsh Government has taken to ensure these allegations have been properly investigated and responded to appropriately. Your response does not provide me with the reassurance I was seeking.

Whilst I will respect the confidentiality of that private correspondence between us, I now consider the situation at Hybu Cig Cymru to be a matter of such public interest that I call on you to intervene directly as Minister.

In the interests of transparency and accountability I will also be writing to the Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee of the Senedd asking them to hold an inquiry into HCC in order to ascertain all the facts and provide assurances pertaining to the organisation's leadership and governance, its internal processes and its ability to deliver its remit.

I fear that the increasing levels of concern about the internal issues at HCC are undermining the confidence of levy payers and the wider public in its ability to deliver its remit effectively.

I therefore urge you to intervene, primarily to protect the welfare of all those involved in these allegations, but also to guard against any potential wider damage to the red meat sector in Wales.

Yours sincerely



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