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Llyr Gruffydd MS Chair Climate Change, Environment and Infrastructure Committee Senedd Cymru Cardiff Bay Cardiff CF99 1SN

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Dear Llyr,

## The Environment and Rural Affairs (Revocation and Consequential Provision) Regulations 2024

I wish to inform the Committee of the intention to consent to the UK Government making and laying The Environment and Rural Affairs (Revocation and Consequential Provision) Regulations 2024 ("the Regulations"). The Regulations will be made using powers in Section 14 of The Retained EU Law (REUL) (Revocation and Reform) Act ("the REUL Act").

The Regulations will revoke legislation identified as redundant following the UK's exit from the EU, which was not included in Schedule 1 of the REUL Act. Revocation of these instruments will have no policy effect in Wales and will reduce unnecessary complexity in the statute book.

Although the Welsh Government's general principle is that the law relating to devolved matters should be made and amended in Wales, on this occasion, it is considered appropriate for the UK Government to legislate on a GB-wide basis. This approach would ensure redundant legislation is revoked equally across the nations to which they applied.

The Regulations will be laid before the UK Parliament on 11 March.

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Rydym yn croesawu derbyn gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg. Byddwn yn ateb gohebiaeth a dderbynnir yn Gymraeg yn Gymraeg ac ni fydd gohebu yn Gymraeg yn arwain at oedi.

We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

I have written similarly to Huw Irranca-Davies MS, Chair of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee and Paul Davies MS, the Chair of the Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee.

Yours sincerely,

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