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Dear Sir Lindsay,

As you may be aware the Welsh Government is taking forward changes to the electoral arrangements for the Senedd. Debates on this issue have highlighted the lack of a recall mechanism in place for Members of the Senedd equivalent to that for Members of the House of Commons.

There is broad consensus in the Senedd that there needs to be appropriate mechanisms in place to ensure Members adhere to the highest standards. The Senedd's Standards and Conduct Committee is taking forward an inquiry to consider individual Senedd Members' accountability. This will include consideration of a process for recall that is compatible with the new closed list system for Senedd elections.

The Committee will no doubt wish to draw on a broad range of views and expertise in conducting its inquiry. I am sure that your experience in the operation of the Recall of MPs Act 2015 would be invaluable to this work and encourage you to engage with it. I or my officials would be happy to help facilitate such a discussion.

I am copying this letter to the Counsel General, the Chair of the Senedd's Standards and Conduct Committee and to the Llywydd.

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