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Commission

Dear Elin Jones MS,

I am contacting you as a writer, adapter and creative editor who has worked in the Welsh publishing industry for nigh on 15 years now. During this time, I have adapted a number of children's books and have worked closely with publishers who rely on the vital grant funding that is administered by the Welsh Book Council. This funding has enabled me and a number of other freelancers to contribute to a thriving and diverse Welsh-language literary scene.

The 10.5% cut to the Book Council's funding last year has already created challenges, and the further cuts currently being considered would have a devastating effect on our ability to continue producing high quality in Welsh. I have seen with my own eyes how this funding enables the creation of important, diverse works that enrich our nation. Without it, many of these projects will not happen.

As a freelancer, my livelihood depends on the continuation of this grant funding, which allows publishers to commission work from writers, illustrators, editors, and translators across Wales. The funding not only supports the creative output but also ensures the availability of Welsh language books for future generations.

I urge you to advocate for the protection and continuation of this essential funding to protect the future of our industry and the cultural heritage of Wales.

Thank you for your time and support.

Kind regards,

Llinos Dafydd

*Creative Editor, Writer and Adapter*