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Dear Alys,

Soil Health in Agriculture

Healthy soil is incredibly important to support our agricultural systems, for food/fibre production, water quality, flood prevention, biodiversity, and carbon storage. In order to support Wales's soil health into the future, the Committee is undertaking an inquiry into soil health in agriculture.

One of the areas Members have been considering is how tenants might be supported or encouraged to improve soil health on the land they rent. As the National Trust leases land to many tenant farmers we thought this may be an issue you had considered or undertaken some work on.

The Committee would welcome any views you have on how tenants might be encouraged and supported to improve soil health, especially for short term agreements, and any views you may have on any other elements of this inquiry.

Thank you in advance for your support with this important inquiry, please could you respond by 22 June.



Yours sincerely,

Andrew RT Davies

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Chair: Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee

We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English

