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Dear Mike and Peter,

As you will be aware, on 31 October, I laid a Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum (SLCM) in respect of UK Government amendments to the Tobacco and Vapes Bill, which were tabled during Lords Committee Stage on 20 October 2025.

I am writing to provide an update about a procedural matter. The Committee Stage of the Bill is taking place in Grand Committee, rather than in a Committee of the Whole House. In Grand Committee, amendments to a Bill can only be made with the unanimous agreement of Members. As there was not unanimous support for the government amendments, they were withdrawn to enable the House to consider them again at Report Stage. The UK Government remains confident these technical amendments will be re-tabled at Report Stage and while I do not anticipate any difficulties in this regard, I am withdrawing the SLCM as the amendment text may be revised and I want to ensure the SLCM is clear and accurate.

I continue to strongly support the policy proposals and policy intent of the Bill and will work closely with the other UK governments to ensure a consistent four-nations approach is taken. The LCM debate for this Bill is scheduled to take place in the Senedd on 9 December.

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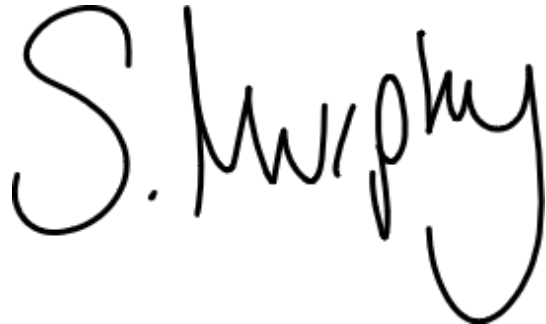
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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

I remain grateful to the Committees for the continued support and detailed scrutiny of this important legislation.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'S. Murphy'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style. The 'S' is large and loops around. The 'M' is also large and loops around. The 'u' is small and loops around. The 'r' is small and loops around. The 'p' is small and loops around. The 'h' is small and loops around. The 'y' is small and loops around.

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