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Dear David

I am writing in response to your letter of 20 October 2015, regarding the use of the negative procedure for subordinate legislation in Government Bills which amend primary legislation.

During our evidence to the Committee's Inquiry into Making Laws in Wales, we highlighted that careful consideration is given to the appropriate procedure for all subordinate legislation powers contained in Government Bills. The choice between the negative and affirmative procedure is considered on the merits of each case, and ultimately informed by a variety of factors, including the nature of the power, its likely scope, and the circumstances in which the power is to be used.

Given that the issue you raise is linked to a number of the recommendations made in the Committee's report following its recent Inquiry, I have asked officials to take your letter into consideration so that it is addressed as part of our response to those recommendations.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Carwyn Jones', written in a cursive style.

CARWYN JONES