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Dear Mr Gruffydd

I am reaching out to congratulate you in your election as the Climate Change, Environment and Infrastructure Committee Chair as well as offering you Make UK's support. We recognise the significant role you have through the business committee and the importance of analysing policies of the Government whilst looking at the wider impact across the Welsh economy.

Make UK, the manufacturers' organisation - Make UK is the voice of manufacturing in the UK, representing all aspects of the manufacturing sector, some 20,000 members employing over one million workers.

Manufacturing in Wales - I'm delighted to tell you that in Wales, manufacturing accounts for £10.8bn of output, providing 153,000 jobs, and these are some of the best quality jobs in the country, paying an wages which are an average of 25% higher than the rest of the economy in the region.

We take great pride in our role as the primary source of information and research for those, seeking to better understand the manufacturing sector. Recent research conducted by Make UK highlighted what manufacturers across Wales see as the next 3 priorities for the Welsh Parliament

1. **Investing in skills** that will support the economic and social aims of the nation. Identifying the priorities for the economy of 'tomorrow', creating the national ambition to deliver on the skills and the business environment where manufacturers can grow and thrive to support communities, create good jobs, and allow the nation to take full advantage of projects
2. **Invest in green technologies** like the country's growing renewables sector, to support clean growth for the future and the transition towards a more sustainable

economy. We will work with the Welsh Government and new Parliament as it renews its "Prosperity for All: A Low Carbon Wales" agenda to ensure that manufacturing continues to support the decarbonisation agenda, and the wider opportunities to create a vibrant sector in the economy.

3. Continue to work with the Welsh Government and new Parliament to **help deliver the commitments set out in the Manufacturing Future for Wales – A Framework for Action**. The framework supports manufacturers in Wales to deliver the jobs of the future, both recruiting and retaining the very best talent to boost productivity and deliver shared economic growth across the country

Across Wales manufacturers are leading the way on key societal challenges which we face – from healthcare to climate change, clean transport and green energy. However, in order to do this we need a business environment which allows manufacturers not just to survive but thrive, and a strong relationship with the Senedd and the Welsh Government is critical to this.

Meet our members

We would like to invite you to attend a roundtable with Make UK members from across the various sub-sectors of manufacturing in Wales. This would provide you with an excellent chance to hear the very latest from the sector including the current challenges manufacturers face along with their priorities for the future.

If you would like to find out more about manufacturing in Wales, please don't hesitate to get in touch with me and I would be very happy to set up a meeting at your convenience.

Yours sincerely

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