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Dear Llywydd,

**Intimation of Bill passed by the Senedd Cymru
Senedd Cymru (Members and Elections) Bill**

I am writing in response to your letter of 9 May in which you informed me that the Senedd Cymru (Members and Elections) Bill was passed by the Senedd on 8 May.

Whilst I have unfortunately found no grounds to make an order under section 114 of the Government of Wales Act 2006, I would like to put on record that I do not agree with the Bill's intentions to use more than £120 million of taxpayers' money to create an additional 36 politicians in the Senedd / Welsh Parliament.

I am proud to have been part of a UK Government that has stepped up to support people from across Wales, who have faced cost-of-living pressures due to global conflicts and the COVID pandemic.

These have been challenging times for the country and I cannot in good conscience not raise my concerns, when the Bill is undoubtedly going to waste public resources.

Wales desperately needs more doctors, nurses, dentists and teachers, not more politicians.

These are the priorities of the people of Wales.

I believe that if the Labour Welsh Government believes in its proposals to create more politicians then they should subject this to a referendum and give the people of Wales the final say.

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I sincerely hope the Labour Welsh Government will re-consider its plan.

Yours sincerely,

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