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Dear David

Thank you for your letter of 10 October regarding petition P-05-796, Calling on the Welsh Government to Ban the Use of Wild Animals in Circuses in Wales.

In July the First Minister announced the Welsh Government would bring a Bill to ban the use of wild animals in travelling circuses before the Assembly over the next 12 months.

On 1 October I launched a public consultation on the Wild Animals in Travelling Circuses (Wales) Bill. The Bill aims to address ethical concerns by banning the use of wild animals in travelling circuses in Wales. The Bill will not affect the use of domesticated animals in circuses, nor will it prevent wild animals being used for entertainment in other settings.

All legislative options were considered and each route presented risks and opportunities. I am clear that the introduction of primary legislation is the right route for Wales.

The eight week consultation will close for responses on 28 November. The consultation is available on the Welsh Government website here: <https://beta.gov.wales/wild-animals-travelling-circuses-wales-bill>

Regards
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