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Dear Baroness Grey-Thompson,

I am writing to you following the Second Reading of the Football Governance Bill in the House of Lords on 13 November 2024. I have placed a copy of this letter in the library of both Houses.

I would like to thank you for taking part in the Bill's Second Reading and for raising an important question around the need to include the Regulator within the Senedd Cymru (Disqualification) Order 2020.

It is worth noting that the Regulator's scope is intended to be limited to the top five tiers of English men's football. This is where the independent Fan-Led Review identified significant harms and structural challenges that the market itself had failed to resolve. To ensure that all clubs within the English football pyramid are captured and protected equally under the same regulatory regime, the legislation must extend to both England and Wales, therefore including Welsh clubs with teams playing within English football.

Given the above, it is right that we look to ensure that there is parity between Members of the Senedd Cymru and Members of UK Parliament when it comes to disqualifying members from being employees of the Regulator. At the Bill's introduction, the Minister for Sport, Stephanie Peacock MP, wrote to her counterpart in the Welsh Government on this matter. We continue to liaise with the Welsh Government to ensure that this is taken forward with the Privy Council.

As the Bill progresses, I would welcome your support as we take this important legislation forward and work across the House to ensure we deliver on much needed regulation for the game.

If you have any questions you would like to discuss, I would be very happy to meet you.

With best wishes,

Baroness Twycross  
**Minister for Gambling**

