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Eich cyf/Your ref P-05-1076
Ein cyf/Our ref DET/03208/20

Janet Finch-Saunders MS
Chair, Petitions Committee

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Dear Janet

We have started the process of allowing theatres to reopen in a limited capacity. The Welsh Government's guidance has been revised to allow theatres to reopen if the use of premises is to broadcast without an audience present at the premises (whether over the internet or as part of a radio or television broadcast) or to rehearse for such a broadcast.

In light of the wider public health context, theatres, concert halls and live music venues are required to remain closed to the general public and our test events programme is on hold. We see theatres and concert halls integral to our approach to test events which will not resume now until February 2021 at the earliest. Our expectation is that events more generally, including larger gatherings, will not resume until the spring and the £63m Cultural Recovery Fund will be supporting the sector and ensuring its long-term sustainability in the meantime.

Yours sincerely,

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