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Dear Sir/ Madam

**Senedd Cymru (Members and Elections) Bill  
Written Evidence of Solace Wales.**

SOLACE is the leading members' network for local government and public sector professionals throughout the UK. At the UK level, SOLACE policy leads influence debate around the future of public services to ensure that policy and legislation are informed by the experience and expertise of its members. SOLACE Wales is the Welsh Branch of the Society of Local Authority Chief Executives and Senior Managers (UK). While being an important component of the UK framework, the Branch operates largely independently as the representative body for senior managers working within local government in Wales. The Society's members are drawn from a variety of backgrounds, and while engaging with all major players in Welsh governance at both local and national level, SOLACE Wales has a unique role to play in offering a corporate view of local government from an apolitical perspective. SOLACE members largely also fulfil the roles of Returning officers across Wales and as such we welcome the opportunity to offer its views and opinions on the Electoral Reform Bill.

We are aware written evidence has been provided by the Wales Electoral Coordination Board (WECB) which is made up of Chief Executive Regional Returning Officers. As such the view of Chief Executives is fully captured within the written submission offered by WECB. I am therefore able to provide our full support to the written response provided by the WECB and the verbal evidence offered by WECB at the scheduled hearing also reflects the views of Solace Wales.

Yours faithfully

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