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An objection to the Senedd Reform Bill.

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This bill:

1) Is intended to meet the needs of the Senedd and not the needs of the citizens of Wales. Faceless lists are undemocratic full stop.

2) Will deny the citizen a vote for an individual of choice.

a) There should be a right for independent members to be elected, this is critical to cover local issues that affect voting in a democracy.

b) We need to be able to vote for an identifiable person, not just lists or links to a party.

c) By only allowing the people to choose to vote for a party's manifesto and plan is flawed.

Why? The manifesto is only a guide for voters, it is not a mandate, its too high level, and obviously things change over time and government policies need to quickly adapt and follow the Principles of good administration.

3) Will increase the tax burden of the citizens of Wales through extra administrative costs, salaries, and it will only

a) add additional layers of faceless government officials

b) creaming off more of the public's money

c) becoming more bureaucratic, less efficient and less value for money.

4) Will increase the power and control the Welsh Government has over the citizens of Wales, and decrease citizens involvement with politics.

Increasing Senedd members from 60 to 96 is ludicrous, that by comparison is over 1,000 MP's in Westminster.

5) Is designed to be oppressive, exclusive and dictatorial, thus a detriment to Democracy.

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