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Dear Sirs,

As a passionate resident of Wales I would like to make it known that I consider the Senedd reform proposals to be inappropriate.

As you are well aware the country is in a considerable amount of debt approx £600 million, it has already been reported that vital services including mental health spending is to be cut to help balance the books. Together will the non-democratic roll out of the speed reduction in many areas costing around £33 million. I find that the reported £87 million to increase the Senedd numbers would therefore be inappropriate and unjustified, when the money could be better spent on many other vital services that have received much reduced Senedd funding. This also would lead to potential loss of life our NHS is at breaking point and ambulances are held up in A&E departments because of the lack of NHS staff to attend to the emergencies.

In fact locally just last night in West Wales there was a serious RTC and although the fire service had requested an ambulance it still took over an hour to get to the scene, another ambulance had to be called which took just over half an hour to attend to the same scene. We are told about the golden hour yet many and no doubt countless times the golden hour hasn't been possible leading to a loss of life or/and worsened injuries costing the NHS more money in the long run.

I would also like to draw your attention to the cut in mental health services, suffering myself from anxiety, depression and PTSD I was luckily to receive help from my local doctor and make a good recovery. I feel if this financial support is reduced to further balance the Senedd's books then more lives through suicide would possibly occur.

The process of increasing the number of AMs would also be a non-democratic procedure, thus leading to one party or coalition having the majority control. This is not good for the democracy of our beautiful country and lead to much or further distrust in the whole voting system.

Lastly with local councils having to reduce their services, an increase of council tax year on year over the inflation rate throughout Wales and the proposed tourism tax to be brought in by 2027, I feel we in West Wales and other rural communities that survive on tourism trade and that the implementation of such a tax would have a detrimental impact on not only people's lives but also much needed income to the area.

I therefore feel it would be unacceptable for more money to be spent on the Senedd reform proposal at the cost of lives and communities.

yours

Nicholas Bolton

