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Carolyn Thomas MS
Chair - Petitions committee
Senedd Cymru

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Dear Carolyn,

Thank you for your letter following the petition your Committee has received, requesting the creation of a structure within the Senedd to ban politicians convicted of intended deception.

As you may well be aware, the Senedd's Standards of Conduct Committee (SoCC) is currently undertaking an inquiry into Individual Member Accountability, the scope of which includes:

“gathering evidence on the merits of introducing further mechanisms for the disqualification of Members and candidates found to have deliberately deceived the electorate including through an independent judicial process.”

As part of that inquiry, the SoCC has undertaken a public consultation which closed in September of this year and has held evidence sessions with a number of expert witnesses. In addition, I attended an evidence session with the Committee earlier this month to set out some of the Government's provisional views on individual Member accountability.

I understand that the SoCC is intending to conclude and report on its work in January 2025, and - as I set out in my correspondence to that Committee – the Welsh Government looks forward to the those reports so that our work can take account of the outcome and recommendations of the inquiry.

Yours sincerely,

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