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Hannah Blythyn MS
Chair, Standards of Conduct Committee

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Dear Hannah,

Further to our meeting on 25 September to discuss the forthcoming government Bill in relation to Member accountability, I wanted to draw the Committee's attention to the [draft Senedd Cymru \(Member Accountability and Elections\) Bill](#), which I published on Monday 6 October.

I would also like to draw the Committee's attention to my [Written Statement](#). The aim of publishing a draft of the Bill today is to give Members and interested stakeholders an opportunity to see the proposed scope and direction of the Bill before its formal introduction later this autumn.

I hope that the Committee will welcome the fact that the Bill delivers on a number of the recommendations made in its reports on recall and deliberate deception. This includes the triggers and process for the recall of a Member of the Senedd, as well as a series of measures that strengthen the independence of the standards system within the Senedd.

The approach I have taken with the Bill is to ensure it provides the Senedd with the tools it needs to strengthen the standards system, as reflected in your reports. I look forward to working with Members during scrutiny to ensure we have legislation in place that enhances the accountability of Members of the Senedd and ensures the systems that regulate the behaviour and conduct of candidates standing for election to the Senedd are as effective, robust and fair as possible.

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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

I am also aware that the Committee is currently undertaking its inquiry into Dignity and Respect. I look forward to that outcome of that work, and discussing with you at the earliest opportunity any recommendations that may have a bearing on the Bill.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Julie James". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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