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Dear Greg,

I am writing to thank you for restating despatch box commitments previously made in July 2018 by one of your predecessors in relation to concurrent powers for Welsh Ministers within the Trade Bill.

However, a recent report published by the Senedd's Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee on a Welsh Government legislative consent memorandum highlighted that your restatement of despatch box commitments originally made in 2018 did not include an explicit restatement of a commitment made in relation to clause 2(7) powers to extend the sunset period.

It would therefore be helpful if you could ask the Minister responsible for the Trade Bill's passage through the House of Lords to restate the commitment that the UK Government will engage the devolved administrations in the decision-making process in advance of any decision to use the clause 2 powers to extend the sunset period.

Your assistance in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

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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 copying this letter to Lord Grimstone of Boscobel Kt, Minister for Investment, and Viscount Younger of Leckie, Lord in Waiting (Government Whip).

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M. E. Morgan'.

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