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Minister for Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs

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Dear Minister,

I am writing to notify you, in accordance with Standing Order 27.8, that the Climate Change, Environment and Rural Affairs Committee intends to report on the following draft regulations, which were laid yesterday:

- The Environment (Wales) Act 2016 (Amendment of 2050 Emissions Target) Regulations 2021
- The Climate Change (Net Welsh Emissions Account Credit Limit) (Wales) Regulations 2021
- The Climate Change (Carbon Budgets) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2021
- The Climate Change (Interim Emissions Targets) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2021

The first opportunity for the Committee to consider the draft regulations will be at its meeting on 25 February when we will be taking evidence from external stakeholders to inform our work.

In our report on the Climate Change (Wales) Regulations 2018, we expressed concern about the limited time available for scrutiny of climate change regulations under the Environment (Wales) Act 2016. We had hoped this would have been taken into account when setting the timeline for scrutiny of the latest draft regulations. However, we understand the debate on the draft regulations has already been scheduled for 9 March. Given the significance of the draft regulations, and our on-going interest in this policy area,



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it would be helpful if you would consider delaying the debate by a week to allow us sufficient time to report. This would still ensure that the debate is held before the coming into force date of the regulations on 21 March.

I should be grateful if you would provide an early indication of whether you are minded to meet our request.

Yours sincerely,



Mike Hedges MS
Chair of Climate Change, Environment and Rural Affairs Committee

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We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.

