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Subject: Fw: CUTS TO THE CULTURE SECTOR

Dear Delyth,

I am sending this to you for your information as Chair of the Senedd's Culture, Communications, Welsh Language, Sport and International Relations Committee.

Best wishes,

Jamie

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Dear First Minister,

I write to you as a regular user of the National Library in Aberystwyth for over 35 years and as Chair of the Academic Advisory Group of the Wales Broadcasting Archive, located in the National Library.

I recognise that we live in difficult times financially, but I am also very concerned to see cuts that will affect our cultural institutions - institutions that have the clear aim of protecting, curating and safeguarding our unique heritage in Wales - in print and multi-media formats. The cuts are exceedingly small within the full Government budget, but the impact on the individual institutions will be deleterious. Jobs will be lost (along with highly valuable professional experience and organisational knowledge), public services will be cut, and the collections themselves will be at risk if the staff and expertise are not in place to maintain them properly.

In the Co-operation Agreement (2021), the Government and Plaid Cymru undertook to 'Develop a new culture strategy, reflecting Wales' diversity, a thriving Welsh language, our arts, culture and heritage sectors and our duties under the Wellbeing of Future Generations Act. We will ensure the financial sustainability of national cultural institutions as we implement the strategy...'. My concern is that this policy is now at risk of failing as a result of the proposed cuts.

I implore the Government to rethink and reconsider these cuts. These cultural institutions are already under stress - further cuts will make things much worse.

Yours faithfully,

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