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John Griffiths AM  
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Dear John,

### **Local Government and Elections (Wales) Bill**

In light of the ongoing COVID-19 situation I am writing to request the Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee temporarily suspend Stage 2 scrutiny of the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Bill.

Following the general principles debate on the 8<sup>th</sup> April we have been considering how to progress the Bill in the context of the current constraints, so that we are in a position to move forward immediately when we are ready.

We are keen to make progress as soon as practicable and a paper will be submitted to Business Committee shortly setting out our proposals for a revised timetable.

I look forward to continuing to work with Members as the Bill progresses through the Assembly process.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Julie James".

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