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Janet Finch-Saunders MS
Chair
Petitions Committee

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Dear Janet

Thank you for your letter of 8 December seeking further information on the Freelancer Fund and further support available for those who are not eligible for the Self-Employed Income Support Scheme.

The Freelancer Fund has been well received by stakeholders and will have supported around 3,500 freelancers across Wales since its launch in October. The fund was delivered through three separate phases and closed on 7 December. The fund was open to freelancers across the cultural and creative sectors, including those whose work relates to events that have been significantly affected by the pandemic. Further information on those in receipt of support through the Cultural Recovery Fund will be published in the New Year.

We continue to press the UK Government to be responsive and responsible in terms of supporting those who continue to fall through the gaps, who have yet to receive support that is absolutely required in order to ensure that their enterprises can survive this pandemic.

Yours sincerely,

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