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Dear Dawn,

Thank you for your email, on behalf of a local charity in your constituency, regarding non-domestic rates and the Welsh Government's support for charities.

The Welsh Government will be providing £1.7 billion of support to help organisations in Wales during the Coronavirus outbreak. The package includes more than £350m to help businesses and charities with their non-domestic rates bills during this financial year.

All retail, leisure and hospitality properties with a rateable value of £500,000 or below will receive 100% non-domestic rates relief in 2020-21. This means that, in total, over 70,000 properties in Wales will pay no rates at all for the year.

Alongside the extra rates relief, £875m is available for a new grant scheme for organisations.

Properties with a rateable value between £12,001 and £51,000 that operate in the retail, leisure or hospitality sectors are eligible for a £25,000 business support grant. This includes properties occupied by charities and not for profit organisations.

Businesses previously eligible for our Small Business Rates Relief – those with a rateable value up to £12,000 – will receive a grant of £10,000. The Welsh Government has invested £26m to extend this scheme to all charities and community amateur sports clubs (CASC) which operate in the retail, leisure and hospitality sectors and occupying properties with a rateable value of £12,000 or less. It is estimated that this will provide vital support to up to 2,600 eligible charities and CASC across Wales.

This support will operate in addition to our existing £230 million package of rates reliefs. On 30 March, the First Minister announced a package of £500 million of support to be delivered through our new Economic Resilience Fund. This will support organisations of all sizes, with a focus on those that have not already benefited from the Coronavirus grants previously announced by Welsh Government.

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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.

Together, this support for organisations in Wales makes full use of the consequential funding we received as a result of the UK Government's recent announcements.

More information about each of the schemes is available on our Business Wales website. We will be updating the guidance regularly at:

<https://businesswales.gov.wales/coronavirus-advice>

In addition, our Business Wales service and the Development Bank of Wales can advise on the range of support options available, from financial and supply chain planning to advice on staffing issues. You can contact the Business Wales helpline on 03000 603000 for practical information and advice or signposting to relevant agencies and organisations.

The UK and Devolved Governments' Coronavirus Action Plan can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-action-plan>

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rebecca Evans". The signature is written in a cursive style with a period at the end.

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