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Rt Hon Alun Cairns MP  
Secretary of State for Wales

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Dear Alun,

I previously wrote to you and the Secretary of State at the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport on 6 June and 21 November 2018 regarding my nomination to appoint Lawrence Conway, Chair of Sport Wales to the Board of UK Sport. Unfortunately, I have not received a response to either letter or the associated email sent from my Private Secretary on 13 September 2018.

As previously outlined, my concerns have been, and continue to be, around the absence of Welsh representation on the Board of UK Sport. The delay in finalising this position is totally unacceptable and is detrimental to Welsh sport. Furthermore, the current situation clearly does not provide an official platform for effective strategic decision making and is compromising the ability and the role of UK Sport to act on behalf of the UK as a whole.

To reiterate, I would ask you to endorse the appointment of Lawrence Conway to the Board of UK Sport without any further delay.

I am copying this letter to the First Minister of Wales, the Secretary of State for DCMS and the Parliamentary Under Secretary for State for Sport and Civil Society.

Yours sincerely,

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