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Dear Andrew,

Thank you for your recent Written Questions asking me for an update on the effectiveness of vaccine passports in reducing the spread of COVID-19 in cinemas.

The decision to implement a covid pass in Wales was not taken lightly and was introduced to reduce – not remove – the risk of people infected with coronavirus entering and spreading the virus at busy venues or venues that were indoors and they see large numbers of people congregating closely together for prolonged periods of time.

The Covid Pass was an important part of a series of measures to mitigate the impact of Covid on our communities. On 2 December 2021, the Welsh Government's Technical Advisory Group and its Chief Scientific Advisor on Health expressly advised that it would be "challenging" to identify the specific impact of the scheme. It is for this reason that the Welsh Ministers consider that the impact of the scheme is probably unmeasurable

However, the Welsh Government notes the findings of a recent study undertaken by researchers at Bruegel and the French Council of Economic analysis which suggested that covid passes improved public health outcomes and economic performance in France, Germany and Italy.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M. E. Morgan'.

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