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Cabinet Secretary for Energy, Planning and Rural Affairs

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Cardiff Bay

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Dear Cabinet Secretary,

**Re: Invitation to speak at 'A Celebration of Welsh Food and Drink' Evening Reception**

We are writing to invite you to speak at our New Year reception, which is taking place at the Senedd on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> of January, 5.30pm for 6pm.

The event is kindly sponsored by REDACTED SECTION 40 and will celebrate all that the Welsh food and drink industry has to offer. We will be joined by our members from across Wales, who are keen to discuss the valuable contribution that their goods and produce are making to the Welsh economy.

As you will be aware, food and drink in Wales is an economic success story, employing over 22,000 people across the country and generating £4.8 billion a year. As well as driving the economy at home, it is also a powerful force on the global stage. The latest statistics show Welsh food and drink exports totalled over £250 million, with the EU, North America, Asia and Oceania the top destinations for Welsh products.

We know how much you value the contribution that the Welsh food and drink industry has made and welcome your ongoing commitment and engagement with producers across Wales during your time as Cabinet Secretary.

We would therefore be delighted if you would join us as the keynote speaker at this event, and look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

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