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Dear colleague

Brexit: We Need to Get Ready

Ahead of today's vote in the House of Commons and the potential defeat of the Prime Minister's proposed withdrawal agreement, there is a very real and urgent need for all businesses in Wales to prepare for Brexit including the now increased possibility of a no-deal outcome.

Alongside the First Minister, I am absolutely committed to doing everything I can to support you and your business with your preparations. I want to reassure you that as a Welsh Government, we continue to take responsible and proactive steps to plan and prepare including putting contingencies in place in the event of a no-deal.

I also want to re-iterate the package of measures that I have already put in place to help with your business critical preparations. If you haven't already done so, I would strongly urge you to:

- Visit the **Business Wales Brexit Portal** <https://businesswales.gov.wales/brexit> or contact Business Wales which provides information, advice and support by calling the Business Wales helpline on **03000 6 03000**;
- Complete a **Brexit self-assessment toolkit** where you can assess your readiness in a number of business critical areas <https://businesswales.gov.wales/brexit/brexit-toolkit>;
- Consider applying to the **Brexit Resilience Fund** which I have established to support businesses such as yours help meet the costs of adapting to the changes in a post-Brexit Welsh economy <https://businesswales.gov.wales/brexit/support/brexit-resilience-fund>.

With only 73 days to go, time is now very much of the essence. We need to plan, adjust and innovate to make sure that businesses in Wales are well prepared regardless of what the outcome on the 29th March will be.

Yours sincerely

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