*(**insert your own or business address & contact details)*

*(**insert MSs name)*

*(**insert MSs constituency address)*

*(**insert date)*

Dear *(insert MSs name)*

**Outdoor Education (Wales) Bill**

I have noted with great interest new details of Sam Rowlands’ (MS - Senedd Regional Member for North Wales) Outdoor Education (Wales) Bill and the publication of the Bill’s Explanatory Memorandum (EM - *attached)*. As someone who has had outdoor educational residential experiences in their formative years and now as someone who is involved in *(delete as appropriate: teaching/providing/ delivering)* outdoor learning experiences, I know and understand the benefits that such experiences can provide and welcome and support this Outdoor Education (Wales) Bill.

I echo the comments of a recent press release made by Sam Rowlands MS, highlighting that “outdoor education is immensely beneficial with a range of lasting benefits for students’ physical and mental health as well as improving their understanding of the natural world around them.”

I welcome the opportunities that such a Bill will bring, moving Outdoor Education from an enrichment activity to an entitlement component of the Curriculum for Wales.

As a*(n)* *(delete as appropriate: teacher/education/outdoor)* professional based in *(insert MSs constituency or region)* I hope I can count on your support for the Outdoor Education (Wales) Bill to enable its progress through the stages of a Members Bill to ultimately *‘establish a statutory duty on local authorities to ensure that all young people in Wales are provided with the opportunity to experience residential Outdoor Education, for at least one week, at some stage during their school years. Your* support in seeking the Senedd’s agreement to introduce this Bill will enable the outdoor sector to work with Sam Rowlands MS, Welsh Government, and other organisations in Wales in making this Bill a lasting success for us all.

Your support for the Bill will be much appreciated by the people of *(insert MSs constituency or region)*, in particular the young people, ensuring equity for them all regardless of their socio-economic background, additional learning needs, cultural background, or geographical location. The opportunities available will expose them to the well documented benefits of Outdoor Education: physical and mental health and well-being, personal and social learning, cognitive development, a sense of cynefin; and will have long-term impacts and greater opportunities to become healthy adults.

*(Include if you have a Centre that you can invite an MS to: I would also like to take this opportunity to invite you to visit my Centre in the coming months where you can observe and experience first-hand the value and benefits of Outdoor Education and the residential experience.)*

I look forward to hearing from you *(and hopefully welcoming you to my Centre soon)*.

Yours sincerely