



Rt Hon Nicky Morgan MP
Chair of the Treasury Committee
House of Commons
London
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Dear Ms Morgan,

Making Tax Digital – Impact on Rural Areas

I am writing as Chair of the Agricultural Representative Bodies tax group, which is a grouping of professional and farming organisations. We meet regularly to discuss issues of mutual concern in relation to taxation and accountancy matters.

The Group is worried about the impact Making Tax Digital could have on farm businesses, particularly smaller businesses. There are proving to be significant obstacles in the way of achieving a sensible rollout of the new scheme in April 2019, especially in rural areas. We note the House Of Lords Economic Affairs Committee's report published last week called on the Government to delay Making Tax Digital for at least a year.

I would be very grateful for your thoughts on the Committee's report. Please may you also consider calling the Financial Secretary to the Treasury to a one off evidence session before the Select Committee at which the Committee will be able to make its own assessment of the impact Making Tax Digital could have on rural businesses.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael Parker', written in a cursive style.

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On behalf of:

- NFU
- NFU Cymru
- NFU Scotland
- Ulster Farmers Union
- Tenant Farmers Association
- CLA
- Scottish Land & Estates
- CAAV
- Agricultural Law Association