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To: Specific Duties

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We are a small equalities organisation serving a protected characteristic group. I was involved in the consultation for the original Equality Act.

I think what you are thinking of amending is ill-thought through. This consultation period and the nature of the consultation is not fit for purpose. It was also a poorly written document which repeats itself and does not show a genuine understanding of the Equality Act.

You are proposing to water down the legislation and enabling public bodies to get off the hook in terms of compliance. The changes you are proposing are wrong and unhelpful to all the citizens of the UK not just those who have protected characteristics.

You say you are trying cut out red tape. You are demonstrating with such consultation documents and processes that you have no yet understood what it is to govern. It cannot be slap dash in this way. It is the law and therefore requires red tape and due process.

Better perhaps to keep away from amending legislaion you don't understand or grasp the need for in the first place?

best wishes

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