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Committee on Standards in Public Life

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## Dear Lord Gilbert

I am aware that your Committee is undertaking an inquiry on Internet regulation. I wanted to draw your attention to our report *Intimidation in Public Life*, which was published in December 2017.<sup>1</sup>

The second chapter of our report addresses many of the questions raised in your call for evidence, in particular the question of the legal liability of platforms in respect of content that they host, including in relation to current EU law; reporting and takedown of online content; others measures to protect the safety of users and to give users more control over content they see; and transparency on reporting and takedown.

I hope the report may be of help to your Committee in your deliberations.

Yours sincerely,

Lord (Paul) Bew

Chair, Committee on Standards in Public Life

Encl: Intimidation in Public Life: A review by the Committee on Standards in Public Life (Cm 9543)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/intimidation-in-public-life-a-review-by-the-committee-on-standards-in-public-life