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Dear Ella,

Thank you very much for taking my call ahead of our Chair, Lord Evans and independent member, Jane Ramsey, appearing before the Home Affairs Select Committee on 15 October to give evidence into their long-running inquiry into hate crime.

Our phone call was very helpful, and I have also seen reports in the press about how Facebook is preparing for the next general election. I would though be very grateful if you would write and confirm the steps that Facebook is taking to counter intimidation on its platform in this period of a general election campaign. In particular, we are interested in your progress against our recommendation that social media companies set up a 'pop-up' social media reporting team for election campaigns. This was discussed in our [evidence](#) to the Home Affairs Select Committee and the Committee would welcome a formal update on your plans.

I look forward to hearing from you. I am writing similarly to Google and Twitter.

Yours sincerely

**Lesley Bainsfair**  
**Secretary, CSPL**