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Subject: URGENT: To Rt Hon Peter Kyle sent on behalf of Lord Arbuthnot
Attachments: DUA Bill briefing_personal data integrity is a human right.pdf

Dear Secretary of State

I am writing to you about a serious problem with your digital identities framework, which will, as currently designed, digitise unreliable data on sex and "verify" it as true. My intention is not to wade into the somewhat fraught disagreements over sex and gender identity. What I want is to avoid a repeat of the mistakes made during the post office horizon scandal and it is in this spirit I ask you to please take 10 minutes to read the short report attached.

The mixing of true and false data will lead to real harms to individuals (including transgender individuals) including medical errors, safeguarding risk and human rights harms as well as risk of financial losses and legal failure of the system as a whole.

I have written the foreword to the paper by Sex Matters who I know have been attempting to engage in dialogue with your department but have not thus far been able to convince officials to consider the points they have tried to raise.

This report addresses the human rights questions and argues that the true breach of human rights would be ploughing ahead and creating a system that cannot reliably verify one of the most fundamental facts about every citizen, and which systematically marks false information as true.

I know how busy you are I hope you will read the paper with an open mind and consider meeting with me, and with the team from Sex Matters to hear their proposal on how to solve the problem, and avoid making a costly mistake at the design stage.

Kind regards
James

(please reply via Laura's email address. I have no office staff so Sex Matters are helping with my correspondence on this matter)

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