



# Digital, Culture, Media and Sport Committee

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Dear Mr Zuckerberg

## **'International grand committee' hearing: call for evidence**

On 31 October, the Chairs of the UK and Canadian Parliaments' digital committees wrote to you to request that you attend a hearing of an 'international grand committee' in London on 27 November.

Facebook responded on 2 November, declining the invitation. The letter states that you "fully recognise the seriousness of these issues and remain committed to working with [your committees] to provide any additional relevant information you require", but offers no means of achieving this co-operation.

We were very disappointed with this dismissive response. As you will see from the list of signatories to this letter, the 'grand committee' on disinformation and fake news is growing. Five parliaments are now calling on you to do the right thing by the 170 million users in the countries they represent.

You appeared before committees of the US Congress and Senate, as well as the European Parliament. As the Chairs of the relevant committees in the UK, Canadian, Australian, Argentinian and Irish Parliaments, we believe that you owe Facebook users in our countries the same line of accountability.

We say again: the hearing of your evidence is now overdue, and urgent. Our 'grand committee' will meet on Tuesday 27th November, the first joint hearing of its kind. We call on you once again to take up your responsibility to Facebook users, and to speak in person to their elected representatives.

We would like to receive your response by Monday 12 November.

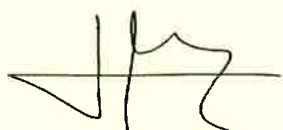
Yours sincerely,



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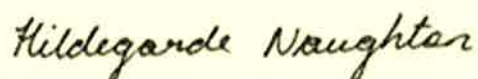
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