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Dear Harriet,

Counter-extremism legislation

Thank you for your letter of 8 February regarding counter-extremism legislation.

I am very grateful for the continued interest of the Joint Committee on Human Rights in this work. As your committee report makes clear, this policy area raises complex issues relating to freedom of speech and the importance of having a clear legal definition of extremism. These are issues that my department continues to consider and, as you know, we have committed to a full consultation on any new legislation before it is introduced.

I welcome the involvement of your committee in this work and will ensure the committee plays a key role in any consultation.

The Rt Hon Amber Rudd MP