

CAMPAIGN

CENSORSHIP

AGAINST

(THE DEFENCE OF LITERATURE AND THE ARTS SOCIETY)

PLEASE REPLY TO:-

23 Budgen Drive

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15th february 2011

To: Jeremy Hunt MP

Secretary of State for Culture

Cockspur Street

London SW1A 5DH

Sir,

BLOCKING COMPUTER ACCESS TO ADULT SITES

We urge you to reject this type of nannyist State censorship. All children have a parent or guardian who (and only who) should exercise control over them. It is totally unacceptable for adults to be treated like children and have to request access to sites. Once the State has acquired such filtering powers, the temptation for a government to block material it dislikes will be irresistible in a country like the United Kingdom, which (unlike the USA) has no entrenched constitution guaranteeing freedom of expression. Arbitrary blocking of web sites has occurred in Communist China and Arab dictatorships

No other type of British publication has such a pre-publication block. It prevents freedom of expression.. All web sites should be available until and unless access is blocked on specific computers used by minors (or employees) . This is what happens to computers in schools, libraries and some workplaces.

The Great Society champions individual liberty against the authoritarian nanny state. This applies to access to the internet.

Yours,

E Goodman
Chair of CAC