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Dear Mr Goodman,

Thank you for your letter dated 1 January 2017 and for your patience whilst awaiting a response to your query. I have now spoken to the relevant colleagues to establish Liberty's view.

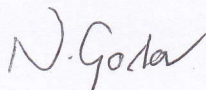
Liberty have briefed on Part 5 of the Data Economy Bill which can be found on our website: www.liberty-human-rights.org.uk. We have not, however, briefed specifically on the pornography elements of the Bill. The reason for this is largely that due to limited resources – we are quite a small team at Liberty with just one Policy Officer specialising in technology and surveillance – we have prioritised and focused our effort on the Data Economy Bill on Part 5. It is in this area where we see the most grave threats to our fundamental rights on a national scale (e.g. creating a digital ID card for all/use some language from the briefing intro).

Liberty is doing much to secure freedom of expression, both in Parliament and beyond, including opposing the statutory Prevent duty, which is stifling free speech in education institutions and leading to discrimination in practice. Our briefing on the Higher Education and Research Bill is also available on our website. Further to this, we also have an ongoing campaign in opposition to Public Space Protection Orders, many of which infringe the freedom of expression and assembly of local residents.

I hope this information is helpful to you and answers your query.

Many thanks for your support of Liberty.

Best wishes,



Naomi Gorlov
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