

Laura Farris MP House of Commons London SW1A OAA

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Dear Laura Farris MP,

I wanted to send a quick note to follow-up on your mention of the Children's Commissioner's work on the Online Safety Bill in the House of Commons this week.

I particularly appreciated you highlighting the concerning case study from our publication of the 14-year-old boy who was arrested for a horrific crime which he likened, in his witness statement, to feeling like a pornography film. This shocking example sadly is not in isolation and that is why I am working extensively to ensure the Online Safety Bill protects children from harmful exposure to inappropriate content.

I firmly believe that the Online Safety Bill represents a once-in-a-generation opportunity for the UK to keep children safe online and lead the world in online child protection by holding tech firms to account and proportionate, effective, and privacy-respecting age assurance.

It would be great to stay in contact about this important issue. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Yours Sincerely,

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