

Dear sir/madam,

I'm writing to support Libel Reform's viewpoint on your proposed reforms to Scottish defamation law: it sounds as if you've got many things right, but there's some room for improvement:

- The public interest defence that you're introducing is too weak; among other things it's crucial for journalism and whistleblowing, both of which are essential for the public good in a modern state.
- Defamation is for the defence of humans: this law should not be accessible to corporations — they have other means to defend themselves already.

At root, your proposals should be an improvement on the UK 2013 act, and at the moment they're close but not good enough.

I'm sure these points will have been raised far more cogently by others, so write mainly to add my support for their arguments.

Yours sincerely,  
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