

Dear Sirs,

I welcome the suggested changes to the Scottish Defamation laws. However, the following should be taken into account:

- The public interest defence is weaker than in the Defamation Act 2013. This must be more robust.
- Corporations would still have the right to sue. Corporations also have other means to defend themselves, such as malicious falsehood and laws governing advertising, competition and business practices - they do not need protection under defamation law.

Yours sincerely

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