

Good day,

I'm writing to you on behalf of Glasgow Skeptics. We're an organisation which promotes science & critical thinking. Our friends at Sense About Science brought this to our attention.

As we understand the draft bill is generally positive, but there are a few areas in which it falls significantly short when it comes to protecting the individual from corporations.

This is something that was very prominent in the Skeptical community a few years ago when Simon Singh was sued by the British Chiropractic Association. As you are no doubts aware this placed Simon under incredible personal and financial pressure, and were it not for the support of the Guardian newspaper and the skeptical community we are certain that he would have lost the case, and the subsequent passing of the Defamation Act 2013 would never have happened.

The Defamation Act should be seen as the absolute bare minimum standard that we should be meeting here in Scotland, and we're led to understand that this is simply not the case.

As such, we would urge you in the strongest possible terms to review and strengthen the draft bill in order to ensure the appropriate protection for those who need it most.

Thank you

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