Talking to your MP on the DP Bill at Report Stage

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On Wednesday May 9
Support Child Rights in the Data Protection Bill

New Clause 10
safeguards for children on profiling and automated decision making

New Clause 11
children's education on safe use of data and digital rights, starting in school

Vote in favour of amendment 15
To delete Schedule 2, Paragraph 4 immigration purposes exemption

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Subject line: Urgent: Data Protection Bill – Report Stage on 9 May

Dear [title and name of your MP]

I am concerned about children’s privacy and want to ask for your support in the Data Protection Bill on Wednesday May 9.

1. Please vote in support of the amendment proposed as new clause 10 (NC10), to provide safeguards and oversight of automated decision-making where it affects a child.

Why: GDPR states that child appropriate safeguards are necessary under Articles 13(2)(f), and Articles 21-23 on the rights to be told about the consequences of automated profiling and decision-making without human intervention. Recital 71 makes clear such decisions should not routinely apply to a child. How to apply exemptions and its boundaries are not at all clear. The Bill fails to set out those required safeguards for automated decision making and profiling of children. We are failing to give children the protection they need and to give suppliers the clear standards they need for safe data uses, to uphold human rights in a world of machine learning.

2. Please support the principles in amendment New Clause 11 (NC11).

WHY: Children like everyone else, will flourish better with better digital understanding. Many children, just like many staff in education, have no idea what they’re signing up to when they start using apps and other online platforms, tools and social media. Children need better digital understanding through education, but it doesn't mean companies can push back the responsibility for safe data use to them. This education goes hand in hand with supplier responsibilities, such as in New Clause 10. We need a complete culture change on children’s privacy rights and we need to restore a sense of agency. The Children’s Commissioner believes, “we are failing in our fundamental responsibility as adults to give children the tools to be agents of their own lives.”

3. Please support amendment 15, that would delete paragraph 4 of Schedule 2.

WHY: Victoria Atkins MP at the Committee Stage [on March 13, col 72], said, that national pupil data is specifically a dataset that it would used for, to find people using children's national school records. The Education Policy Institute Bill Evidence sets out the risks and harms to children and to educational research from the ‘immigration’ exemption at Schedule 2, Part 1 Paragraph 4. Children have human rights to privacy and education. These must not be compromised by using data collected for one purpose, for another more punitive.

Thank you for your time and I hope you will vote for child rights and the changes that need made.

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