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Dear Secretary of State,

**Section 35 Order in relation to the Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill**

The Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee has today agreed to invite you to give evidence on the morning of Thursday 26 January regarding the constitutional implications of the UK Government's decision to make a Section 35 Order under the Scotland Act 1998 for the first time, thereby preventing the Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill from proceeding to Royal Assent.

The Committee clerks can be contacted at the email address above by your officials to make the necessary arrangements.

Yours sincerely,

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Convener of the Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee