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The Rt Hon Alister Jack,  
Secretary of State for Scotland

Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice  
Committee  
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Dear Secretary of State,

**UK Government decision to make a Section 35 Order in relation to the Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill.**

Following the Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee meeting today, Committee Members agreed to invite you to give evidence to the Committee to provide further clarity on your decision to make a Section 35 Order in relation to the Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill.

The evidence session – which can be conducted virtually if needed – will be held at 9:30am on Tuesday 24 January. As such, I would be grateful if you could confirm your attendance by no later than 12pm on Thursday 19 January. Once we have received confirmation of your attendance, the Committee Clerks will liaise with your office to provide further details about the session.

The Committee also agreed to invite the Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Housing and Local Government, Shona Robison MSP, to give evidence on this matter. This session will take place immediately after your evidence session with the Committee.

Yours sincerely,

Joe FitzPatrick  
Convener  
Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee