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Dear Constance,

RE: NSPCC WILD WEST WEB CAMPAIGN

Thank you for your recent correspondence in respect of the NSPCC's Wild West Web campaign; your comments upon which I have read with great interest.

While being online can be a hugely positive experience for children, we have to be alive to the dangers. I believe it is vital that we do all we can to protect our children from the negative impacts the online world can have.

I know the Government fully recognises the importance of tackling online harms, including harmful content to children on the internet. That is why the *Online Harms White Paper*, jointly published by the Home Office and DCMS last year, sets out plans for world-leading legislation in this area.

As championed by the NSPCC, the Bill will establish a new duty of care on companies towards their users, which will be overseen by an independent regulator.

I also welcome the fact that the Government will be developing an online media literacy strategy. This strategy will lead to a coordinated and strategic approach to online media literacy education and awareness for children, young people and adults. Online media and digital literacy can equip users with the skills they need to spot dangers online, critically appraise information and take steps to keep themselves and others safe online.

Once again, thank you for having taken the time to contact me and if I can ever be of any further assistance to you then please do not hesitate to contact me again.

With best wishes,
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