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Lord Gardiner of Kimble Senior Deputy Speaker House of Lords London SW1A 0PW

Dear Lord Gardiner,

## **Royal Albert Hall Bill**

I write concerning the Royal Albert Hall Bill.

Standing Order 98A (Reports concerning human rights) requires that, in the case of a private bill originating in either House, a report from a Minister of the Crown on the statement of opinion required by Standing Order 38(3) shall be presented to the House (by being deposited in the Office of the Clerk of the Parliaments) not later than the second sitting day after that on which the Bill was read a first time. I apologise for the delay in providing this report.

I consider that the Bill's promoters have undertaken a full assessment of the compatibility of their proposals with the European Convention on Human Rights (the "Convention") and I see no need to dispute their conclusions.

Yours sincerely,

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