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Dear Convener

Strategic Lawsuits Against Public Participation

Further to your consideration of Petition PE1975 on reforming the law relating to strategic lawsuits against public participation (SLAPPs). I am writing to make you aware that the Scottish Government has, this morning, published its [response to its recent consultation on SLAPPs](#).

Overall, the consultation found that SLAPPs exist in Scotland and are being used to stifle legitimate freedom of expression.

The Scottish Government agrees that the law should be reformed to address SLAPPs and would intend to do so at the next legislative opportunity. A majority of respondents thought the law in Scotland should emulate the Model Law consulted upon. Further work will need to be carried out in respect of aspects of that law ahead of moving to any reform of the law. My officials will shortly begin this work but given that elections are due to be held next year, the introduction of future legislation will be a matter for the next government.

Yours sincerely,

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