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Dear Mr Walcott:

DTI E-Commerce Directive Consultation

The current legal framework under the E-Commerce Directive and, in the UK, the Electronic Commerce (EC Directive) Regulations 2002 (the "Regulations") strikes an appropriate balance between content owners and users and provides perfectly adequate exemptions for legitimate intermediate service providers. This legislation is currently being reviewed at the EU level and BSA would urge the UK Government to wait for that process to be completed before considering any changes to the legal framework in the UK.

Sincerely,



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