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European Commissioner for Internal Market
Mr. Thierry Breton

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Age verification on digital services

Dear Mr. Thierry Breton,

To mitigate the adverse impact of minors accessing harmful content there is an urgent need to establish efficient solutions on age verification on digital services.

We know you share our ambition to ensure privacy, safety and security to minors, and we appreciate the Commission's efforts to reduce children's exposure to adult-only content online through the DSA. Thus, we appreciate the possibility provided by the Commission to influence the development of a voluntary standard for age verification through a working group. We would very much like to participate in this group.

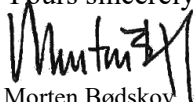
Nevertheless, in the absence of established legal standards, there is still an urgent need for mandatory age verification measures. Only by making it mandatory, we are effectively protecting our minors from inappropriate and harmful content. Therefore, we kindly request the Commissioner to provide more details on the additional measures the Commission intends to implement in order to prevent minors from accessing digital services offering unsuitable content for younger age groups.

The Danish Government has been working on a legislative proposal on age verification measures. However, it has come to our knowledge, that the DSA and the E-commerce directive most likely prohibit Member States from adopting or maintaining national legislation on age verification. Therefore, we have suspended our intentions on national legislation.

Nevertheless, shielding minors from harmful content online remains of utmost importance for the Danish Government. We hope the Commission still share our concerns and will work to create efficient age verification mechanisms that can quickly be put into effect at EU level.

We remain at your disposal for further collaboration on this important matter.

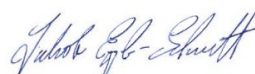
Yours sincerely,



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