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Dame Caroline Dinenage DBE MP
Chair, Culture, Media and Sport Committee
House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA

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Dear Dame Caroline Dinenage,

On behalf of Rumble CEO Chris Pavlovski, I am confirming receipt of your letter. Please find our response attached.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Abbie Sumbrum".

Abbie Sumbrum
Director of Government Relations

Today we received an extremely disturbing letter from a committee chair in the UK Parliament.

While Rumble obviously deplors sexual assault, rape, and all serious crimes, and believes that both alleged victims and the accused are entitled to a full and serious investigation, it is vital to note that recent allegations against Russell Brand have nothing to do with content on Rumble's platform.

Just yesterday, YouTube announced that, based solely on these media accusations, it was barring Mr. Brand from monetizing his video content. Rumble stands for very different values. We have devoted ourselves to the vital cause of defending a free internet – meaning an internet where no one arbitrarily dictates which ideas can or cannot be heard, or which citizens may or may not be entitled to a platform.

We regard it as deeply inappropriate and dangerous that the UK Parliament would attempt to control who is allowed to speak on our platform or to earn a living from doing so. Singling out an individual and demanding his ban is even more disturbing given the absence of any connection between the allegations and his content on Rumble. We don't agree with the behavior of many Rumble creators, but we refuse to penalize them for actions that have nothing to do with our platform.

Although it may be politically and socially easier for Rumble to join a cancel culture mob, doing so would be a violation of our company's values and mission. We emphatically reject the UK Parliament's demands.