



Culture, Media and Sport Committee

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Richard Masters
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By email

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Dear Richard,

Following the publication of the Government's Football Regulation Bill, I am writing to give the Premier League the opportunity to set out its concerns about the legislation as drafted.

During our hearing on football governance and the continued failure to agree a financial settlement for the game on 16 January, you told the Committee that it would be "pointless" to lobby MPs on the Football Regulation Bill when it is published.¹ Since then, the Premier League has advertised for a week in Politico London Playbook to warn that "we must guard against unintended consequences"² and you have written in the Times asking MPs and peers "to protect the game" warning that "it is a risk to bring politics and lobbying into football".³

Given your expectation in January that the Bill would be passed by Parliament, the coming weeks and months provide an opportunity to ensure that the legislation is in the best possible shape to support the entire football pyramid once it completes its parliamentary scrutiny. With that in mind, we would welcome the Premier League's views on specific aspects of the Bill that could be improved, beyond the very broad concerns in the representations made so far.

The Committee would be grateful for a response to this letter by 30th April.

Yours sincerely,

Dame Caroline Dinenage DBE MP
Chair, Culture, Media and Sport Committee

¹ [Qq64-65](#)

² <https://www.politico.eu/newsletter/london-playbook/looking-further-abroad/>

³ <https://www.thetimes.co.uk/sport/football/article/premier-league-is-envy-of-world-government-must-not-put-that-at-risk-vkx3kq2v7>