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Ms Fovazia Khan
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Lord Chancellor's Department
Room 305, Southside
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Dear Ms Khan

Third Parties – Rights Against Insurers

The Association of Personal Injury Lawyers (APIL) welcomes the opportunity to respond to the Lord Chancellor's consultation on the above. APIL supports fully the Law Commission's recommendations in this area and we agree that the 1930 Act should be amended accordingly, as proposed. We have no particular objections to the Government introducing the recommendations by way of a regulatory reform order. Whilst it is intended that the order should substantially reflect the Commission's draft bill, we are concerned about the impact of any differences between the two, in view of the fact that this is a complex and technical area of law. We would, therefore, be extremely grateful for an opportunity to comment on the order once it has been drafted.

I hope that the above is helpful, but please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like any further information in relation to our position, or if I can be of any further assistance.

Yours sincerely

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