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Response from the Association of Personal Injury Lawyers (APIL) to deferral of proposals to increase the small claims court limit for personal injury from £1,000 to £5,000:

We have long said that the small claims court is not the place for injured people, as they would be left unrepresented against experienced defendants. The Government's commitment to 'support hardworking motorists and families' must include a commitment to ensuring that these people are still supported, not punished, if they suffer genuine injuries.

It is a huge relief that the Government is considering the consequences of its proposals, at least for the time being, and appears to have recognised that genuinely injured people would have their much-needed access to justice compromised.

For years APIL has called for the insurance industry to share its data on fraud with claimant representatives. We very much welcome the Government's encouragement of such a measure in today's announcement, so that both the claimant and defendant communities can tackle fraudulent claims together.