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Mr Dresner

Many thanks for your email of 30 October to the First Minister and other ministers attaching evidence for Ministers about the Norwegian approach to data protection.

Data protection is a reserved matter, but there should be scope to examine the potential for proposals like this as the withdrawal process continues. You may wish to send any evidence to the Department for Digital, Creative, Media and Sport – further details can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-digital-culture-media-sport>

The Scottish Government argues strongly for the UK to remain within the European Union, which we have demonstrated is the best option for Scotland's future. Failing that, our analysis shows that continued membership of the European Single Market and Customs Union is essential for our economy, society and people. Last month we produced '[Scotland's Place in Europe: Our Way Forward](#)', updating the case for this.

If the UK Government does not wish to maintain membership of the Single Market and Customs Union, then given the strong preference of the people of Scotland to stay in the European Union, the Scottish Government would pursue the differentiated approach for Scotland that would allow us to stay in the European Economic Area (EEA). We have already published [detailed proposals](#) for how Scotland's place in the European Single Market could be maintained if the rest of the UK chooses to leave. The Scottish Government believes that the UK Government should reconsider these proposals, which provide a credible plan for Scotland to have a future relationship with the EU that meets our particular needs.

Kind regards,

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