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Dear Mr Greene,

**Re: Letter Before Action / Pre-action Protocol**

In accordance with the civil procedure rules in the United Kingdom I am notifying you under the pre-action protocol that I am likely to have to take legal action against you under the E-Commerce Directive for breach of statutory duty and under the law of contract for breach of contract.

The breach of contract arises because you agreed to publish my work, "*Transforming the UK Home Office into a Department for Homeland Security: Reflecting on an Interview with a Litigant Defending Against Online Retaliatory Feedback in the US*", and then ceased hosting it when you realise you did not follow your own internal processes when you made the contract. I cannot be held responsible for your internal procedures failing – you agreed to publish my work and therefore have no right to back out of that agreement.

The breach of statutory duty arises because you published on your website a derivative of my work, titled "*Retraction of: Transforming the UK Home Office into a Department for Homeland Security: Reflecting on an Interview with a Litigant Defending Against Online Retaliatory Feedback in the US*" on [www.degruyter.com](http://www.degruyter.com) and then distributed it through various academic research websites. Because doing so is illegal you have breached your duties under the E-Commerce Directive. It is illegal because it is a breach of my intellectual property, including copyright and trademarks, and it furthers the breach of contract by notifying others that you have breached our contract and feel justified in doing so. Furthermore, by virtue of the fact you have made this derivative work available on the Internet, including via Google Scholar, ORCID and CrossRef, you are defaming my character as other academics would look at me less favourable by thinking my work had been lawfully removed when it had not. This could cause serious harm to me in terms of my academic career.

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On Google Scholar in particular, when people see the citation for the original work they see the derivative with the words "Reaction of" and in all other academic paper databases people see the derivative among all my other research papers, furthering the defamation of me.

This letter is to notify you that if within the next 14 days that you do not adhere to our contract that my work be published on your website and other avenues and you do not cease publication of the derivative work and withdraw it from all academic database where you have associated with my name then I will have no alternative but to take legal action in the civil courts of the United Kingdom including by making use of the E-Commerce Directive and the Services Directive, which apply to De Gruyter as a German-based company.

Yours Sincerely,



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