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Commissioner Barrot
DG Justice Freedom and Security
The European Commission
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Dear Commissioner,

I am writing to express concern about Gibraltar's recent failure to pass law lowering the age of consent for same sex relationships. Under the current system same sex partners are discriminated against because the age of consent is 18, compared to 16 for heterosexual partners.

Given the EU's commitment to equality and its excellent work to date in relation to LGBT equality in particular, I would urge you to take this matter up with the authorities in Gibraltar. I would also be interested in learning what progress Gibraltar have made in implementing equality legislation.

I look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Caroline Lucas". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Caroline Lucas - Green Party MEP for South East England.

Cc Foreign Secretary David Miliband