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Dear,

We, the undersigned organisations, representing a wide range of sectors impacted by the Digital Services Act (DSA), are deeply concerned about the reappearance of a 'stay-down' provision in the latest compromise text. Changes made to the proposal, initially aimed at clarifying the concept of a ban on a general monitoring obligation, will now considerably hinder freedom of expression, while paving the way for constant monitoring of activities conducted online. This will additionally be impossible to implement for companies, leading to strong legal uncertainties with no proven positive outcomes on the dissemination of illegal content online.

We urge the co-legislators to refrain from introducing a provision, that was already discussed at length and rejected in various stages of the co-legislative discussions and even during trilogue negotiations. A stay-down obligation would have severe consequences not only on the online ecosystem but on society at large.

The DSA is a crucial legislative framework and as such it is essential that the text of the DSA in its entirety is clear and legally sound.

Yours sincerely,

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