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Subject: November Update from the ROTA-led Winning the Race Coalition on the Single Equality Bill

Dear coalition members and colleagues,

As part of ROTA's commitment to keep coalition members and key stakeholders updated on developments surrounding the Single Equality Bill, please find below some key updates. As discussed, please pass on this information to your own members and networks.

1. Timetable for the Bill

2 nd December	-	Commons report stage and 3 rd reading (Just after Prime Ministers Questions so lots of MP's will be present)
Just before Christmas recess	-	First reading in the Lords (the second reading has to be at least two weeks after the first so unless that happens on the 2 nd December the second reading in the Lords will be after Christmas)
16 th December	-	Christmas Recess
5 th January	-	Parliament returns
After 11 th Jan	-	2 nd Reading and the Committee Stages in the Lords

2. The Equality Third Sector and the Single Equality Bill

Attached is ROTA's presentation to last week's Westminster Briefing event on the Single Equality Bill. ROTA argued in favour of the Bill and debated key issues that will impact on the Equality and BAME Third sector following the Bill's passage.

3. Positive Action and the opposition

Last week, Mark Harper MP outlined the Conservative Party's key points of disagreement on the Single Equality Bill. These include:

- Positive Action
- Dual Discrimination
- Gender Pay Gap
- Socio-economic Duty.

ROTA is concerned with the proposal to remove the aforementioned clauses and remains unconvinced with the presented arguments.

Over the next month, we will be focusing our energy on Positive Action clauses. We will:

- Work with peers
- Produce a press release and a briefing
- Collect and publish good case studies
- Make further submissions to government
- Work with the media and other stakeholders

4. New EHRC Commissioners appointed

<http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/media-centre/new-appointments-to-strengthen-the-commission-s-work/>

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Best wishes,



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