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Dear Coalition members and stakeholders,

1. Update on the Single Equality Bill

We are pleased to note that much of the Bill remained unchanged after the Lords Committee stage - there had been concerns that several important clauses were in jeopardy, such as those covering pay audits, the socioeconomic duty and full extension of the PSED to religion or belief. More information on the Bill and amendments on the Lords Committee stage can be found [here](#). The next stage of the Bill, Lords Report Stage, is programmed to begin on **2nd March**.

2. Update on Amendments

The Lord's Committee stage of the Equality Bill drew to a close on 9 February 2010. Attached we have provided an update on a number of key amendments that were discussed during the Lords Committee stage. The Government Equalities Office has produced a full list of the amendments that were passed. This can be found [here](#).

3. Schedule 19 – List of Public Authorities falling within the Single Equality Bill

As indicated in my last week's e-update to the coalition, we remain concerned with Schedule 19 and the limited list of public authorities that will fall within the Bill. As agreed, we have written to the Minister to point out our concern – letter attached.

4. Amendment to Clause 148

We are supporting the following amendment:

Page 95 line 39 Insert new subsection ()

" () To comply with the duties in this section a public authority in the exercise of its functions, or a person within subsection (2) in the exercise of its public functions, shall take all proportionate steps towards the achievement of the matters mentioned in (a), (b) and (c) in subsection (1)".

If you wish to contact peers with whom you have contact or interest, which are your patrons or contacts, you can use the text attached to express support for the amendment on the on the Public Sector Equality Duty in the Single Equalities Bill on the 2nd March 2010. Please ensure you address them correctly by following the instructions here

http://www.parliament.uk/about/how/members/lords_contact/address.cfm

5. How will the Single Equality Act affect the BAME and third sector?

A reminder that last year, ROTA produced a detailed briefing on how the Bill will impact on the BAME and other third sector. This can be downloaded from here <http://www.rota.org.uk/pages/WTRC.aspx>

We are also providing free training on the Bill and how it can be used to empower individuals and organisations. The first training is due to be held on **24th March 2010**. You can get further information and how to register [here](#). If you would like any further information please get in touch with Ewan Kennedy on ewan@rota.org.uk.

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