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To the committee,

The bill recognises the special role that professional academics perform. It also recognises the fluid nature of academic opinion and inquiry that relies on emerging and incomplete sources of information. One important point worth clarifying is how an academic journal may be authoritatively declared to not be an infamous publication so as to bring greater certainty for academics.

As we ascend Comte's triad toward so-called evidence based policy, security and political risks posed by academic corruption has increased. It would seem prudent to list graduate research professionals as Politically Exposed Persons.

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