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Dear Sir,

I am writing to you as Head of Global Government Affairs of Twitter, to express my deep concern about recent tweets targeting Members of the Dutch House of Representatives, showing videos and/or images containing (death) threats and calls for violence and even murder. These are probably punishable under Dutch criminal law.

Members of Parliament must be able to carry out their duties without being exposed to such horrifying threats online. While I understand and appreciate the importance of freedom of expression, I strongly ask you to address this matter with the utmost urgency.

Twitter prides itself on facilitating open communication and expression. Therefore, I would like to remind you that you have a responsibility to create a safe space for free expression and to ensure that on Twitter, people have safe, inclusive and authentic conversations. These horrendous videos and images shared online undermine that policy.



I understand Twitter works hard to minimize toxic and illegal content. Despite that, I urge you to take immediate action to address this issue and to take serious steps. In order to protect our freedom of expression it is necessary for Twitter to ensure a safer online environment for all its users.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I am looking forward to your response.

Yours sincerely,

Vera Bergkamp

President of the House of Representatives of the Netherlands