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Subject: Protection of EU officials and civil society against risks of privacy violations and foreign sanctions in relation to the implementation of the Digital Services Act

In a report published in February 2026, the United States House Judiciary Committee has once again attacked our digital regulations, claiming that the Digital Services Act amounts to ‘foreign censorship’. The report contains thousands of email exchanges between digital platforms such as Meta and TikTok, Commission officials, and civil society organisations, such as Democracy Reporting International and Reporters Without Borders.

These documents expose the identity of EU officials and members of civil society, raising concerns about violations of personal data and privacy, including breaches of the General Data Protection Regulation, and a risk of sanctions, such as the travel bans imposed by the US State Department on former Commissioner Thierry Breton, civil society members involved in combating disinformation and online hate speech, and Member of the French Parliament Eric Bothorel.

1. What measures will the Commission take to address the violations of privacy and personal data, and what safeguards will it put in place to ensure that such breaches do not happen again?

2. How will the Commission ensure that the EU officials and citizens publicly exposed in this report are protected from potential US sanctions, and how it will guarantee the functional protection of its officials in the event of retaliatory measures?

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