



HOUSE OF COMMONS

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Rt Hon Maria Miller MP
Secretary of State
Department for Culture, Media & Sport
100 Parliament Street
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Dear Secretary of State

Re. Royal Charters on the Self-Regulation of the Press

We write as Members of the House of Commons Culture, Media & Sport Select Committee regarding the petition by the Press Standards Board of Finance Limited ('Pressbof') in respect of its own draft Royal Charter for the Independent Self-Regulation of the Press.

Having reviewed its terms, we are of the opinion that the Royal Charter which was the subject of recent all-Party agreement at Westminster, and which received the support of victims of press abuse, is to be preferred as providing a better prospect for effective self-regulation which is both independent of the Press and of Government.

In reaching this conclusion, we have also reviewed the extensive evidence given to the Select Committee during our recent hearings into the issue and the recommendations of the Leveson Inquiry established by the Prime Minister.

Together, we constitute a majority of the Members of the Select Committee.

Yours sincerely

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Paul Farrelly MP

John Leech MP

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Gerry Sutcliffe MP

Cc Rt Hon Nick Clegg MP, Lord President of the Council
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