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Dear Sir,

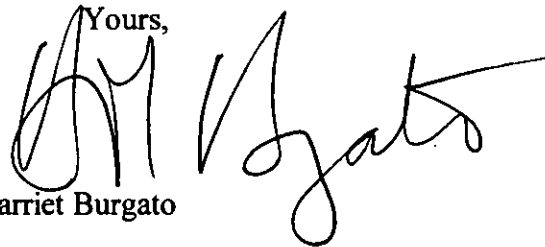
Re: consultation on BBC Charter Review

I feel strongly that the BBC is a beacon of good and impartial broadcasting, and should be helped to remain so, entirely independent of the Government. I think that the Hutton report gave a very misleading view, and that the resignation of Greg Dyke was unnecessary.

There are several points which I should like to comment on.

- 1) I think that the licence fee is the best way to pay, as it is ring-fenced funding which the BBC can depend on from year to year and can therefore plan ahead. It also ensures some independence from Government.
- 2) I think that a lot of the best programmes are on radio and that this side of broadcasting should be adequately funded. It would be a very bad idea to make all radio digital as the reception is still dismal, the price of sets is high, and this particularly affects older listeners.
- 3) The quality of programmes on BBC1 and 2 has deteriorated and Channel 4 is often better. In particular BBC 2 should be less "popular" and no snooker!
- 4) Training is an important part of the BBC's role, and it should have good training schemes for production and technical staff, so that this can then spread out into broadcasting generally.
- 5) The world service is of great importance to how Britain is seen around the world, and should continue to be adequately supported.
- 6) The BBC should definitely continue to run a commercial arm, as this can be fed back into the corporation and is an important export and showcase for British talent.

Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'H. Burgato', written in a cursive style.

Mrs Harriet Burgato