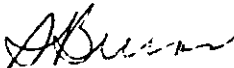


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Dear Tessa Jowell

I think it most inappropriate for you to state that "the BBC must prove it can be trusted", until the present government first proves that it itself can be trusted. Only then is it appropriate for a government to judge other national institutions. From the viewpoint of most voters, the BBC is much more trustworthy than the national government and it would be a great shame if the BBC were destroyed. I think the government needs to renew its contract with the people who fund it. Right now the government is not providing value for money.

Yours sincerely,



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