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The Rt Hon. Tessa Jowell M.P.
Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport
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Dear Tessa Jowell

I am a pensioner in my seventies living on a meagre income and paying my full TV licence. I am happy to continue to pay it if for no other reason than to ensure the BBC's continued independence from commercial and political influence. I regard the BBC as a major national asset and see very little wrong with its existing charter. I sincerely hope that you will do all you can to ensure that the independent financing of the BBC through the licence fee continues into the future.

Yours sincerely,



R V Watts