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To whom it may concern, I wrote a letter to the
ACTING DIRECTOR GENERAL of the B.B.C.
complaining about the fact that only 75
year olds get a free T.V. licence. but it
seemed that I had the wrong department
and I was asked to write to you.

I have enclosed a copy of my letter to
the DIRECTOR GENERAL, also a copy of his
answer to me.

I think it is very unfair that half the
pensioners get the licence free, and the other
half have to pay. All pensioners should be
treated the same

I would appreciate a reply, also your comments
on my letter to the ACTING DIRECTOR GENERAL.

Yours Respectfully

F. Wilde

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Dear Mr Byford,

I watched with interest last night, the "PANORAMA" programme on B.B.C. 1 about the T.V. licence.

I noticed that the panel, including yourself were all well to do, and only one member spoke in favour of the not so well off.

I suppose to you lot, the licence fee is just a drop in the ocean.

I have written to two leading M.P.s, about the fact that only pensioners over 75 get a free licence. I pointed out to them, that the only reason for this, is that those people may not live long enough to enjoy this benefit, and that pensioners start at 65.

I will be 73 in May, and just because I have a small industrial pension, besides my state pension, this takes me a couple of pounds over the limit, so I don't get any benefits of any kind.

So for another 2 years I have got to struggle to pay this ever increasing fee.

My Wife receives a state pension of £46.35 per week, and on the 12 APRIL, she is going to get a massive rise of £1.30, making a grand sum of £47.65 per week.

My Brother who is 70, now lives in Ireland, and over there, they don't pay any licence fee, everything goes up except the pension. In Ireland they look after all pensioners but not here.

Yours Faithfully

W. Wilde