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Dear Sirs,

In response to your public consultation, I would simply like to make the point that the present system of regulation is failing to exclude material which many people find offensive, especially on television. Within the past month I have discontinued using the TV and have not renewed my licence because of the degenerating standards, and in particular the increasingly foul language used even in serious documentaries. I have spent time in the Services and have heard plenty, but see no reason why I should now tolerate it in the home. Several families known to me no longer have a television for similar reasons. Is this offence to be allowed to continue in a publicly funded service?

It is often argued that the BBC is just following general usage, but rather it is the media that are leading the decline instead of showing a better example.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J.R. Mitchell', written in a cursive style.