

12th April 2005

Dear Sirs,

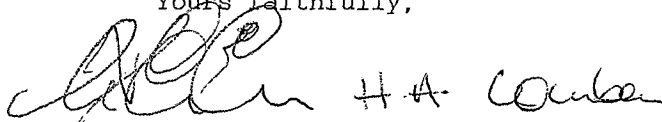
We welcome the opportunity of being able to express our views to the BBC Charter Review. We feel most strongly about the direction the BBC has taken.

My wife and I are part of the generation born at the end of the war years. The subsequent peace saw us raised listening and later watching the BBC when it performed at a level that INFLUENCED, EDUCATED and ENTERTAINED us to a wonderful level.

As our family came along and grew they too were stimulated by the level of programmes we had been accustomed to. Then the rot set in around 1990, and we would say the standard of programmes has continued to plummet. We recently watched one of your spokeswomen on Points of View trying to justify the terrible level childrens' television programmes have sunk to and we are appalled at the service offered by radio, especially the Radio 4 late night spot at 11p.m. We ask ourselves just who you are making these programmes for, it's certainly not us!

We would love to see the return to the quality of TV and radio of yesteryear. Don't tell us "everything has to change", it has and not for the better.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C.V. & H.A. Comben'. The signature is written in a cursive, somewhat stylized script.

C.V. & H.A. Comben