

Members of the committee,

My initially intention was to present a well reasoned argument,supported with facts and data to hopefully sway your deliberations.However you are,i suspect,going to receive a great deal of that sort of thing.So instead,I would like to tell you about the impact it has had on my family.My parent's and my wife's parent's all purchased newspapers.Daily.As a result of the behavior we have witnessed,by large parts of the press,Neither i or my wife or any of my children will purchase a newspaper.It's not just the lack of plurality, but the appalling lies, deceit and utter life destroying corruption that has forced us to seek unbiased news elsewhere.To this day i remember a story that briefly made the headlines and was just as quickly yesterdays chip paper.It concerned a teenage actor who briefly starred in Eastenders.Due to mental health issue's he left the cast and public life.The sun saw fit to hound him and his family despite repeated pleas not to.The family's bins were searched,well i sure you get the picture.That young man lept to his death from Beachy head,as a direct result. the Sun and the two journalists who were responsible were not held to account.I still wonder about that young man's family.I wish i could say that kind of behavior was an isolated example rather than the norm. Opportunity after opportunity has been missed,or more honestly, has been sold for political gain,by both party's.I urge you in the strongest possible term's not to cave into vested interests.To finally give this country the press it deserves.Lord leveson has given us a way out,a way to change the culture. Please,Seize it.

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