

Dear Sir or Madam,

If you will allow me, may I request that you remind Parliament of what the Leveson Report said should happen if the industry tried to veto his recommendations and refused to comply? Lord Justice Leveson wrote: ***"if some or all of the industry are not willing to participate in effective independent regulation, my own concluded view is to reject the notion that they should escape regulation altogether. I cannot, and will not, recommend another last chance saloon for the press. With some measure of regret, therefore, I am driven to conclude that the Government should be ready to consider the need for a statutory backstop regulator being established, to ensure, at the least, that the press are subject to regulation that would require the fullest compliance with the criminal and civil law, if not also to ensure consequences equivalent to those that would flow from an independent self-regulatory system."***

May I conclude by requesting that whether or not IMPRESS is recognised, you strongly recommend to Parliament that the key 'guaranteed access to justice incentive' (section 40 of the Crime and Courts Act) be brought into effect as Parliament intended?

Thank you for reading this email.

Yours faithfully,

Martin Sherrard