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The Rt Hon Matt Hancock MP  
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*Sent by email only*

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### **Request for a meeting**

Dear Mr Hancock,

I am writing to request a meeting to discuss the system of press regulation that was put in place following the Leveson Inquiry.

We are particularly keen to discuss matters with you now, given the widespread misunderstanding and misinformation about the recognition system contemplated by the Charter and Crime and Courts Act 2013, and about how the sector has changed since then.

The Press Recognition Panel (PRP) notes that following the consultation on the Leveson Inquiry and its implementation, the Government plans to ask Parliament to repeal section 40. The PRP has grave concerns about this and about the ongoing level of political involvement in these matters.

It is the PRP's independent view that section 40 should be commenced immediately to provide the public protections that Parliament intended following the Leveson Inquiry. The matters considered by the Leveson Inquiry remain relevant and the scope of the recognition system is the same.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Wolfe', with a large, sweeping initial 'D'.

David Wolfe QC  
Chair of the Press Recognition Panel