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*Sent by email only*

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### **Request for a meeting**

Dear Sir Oliver,

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

As you know, in 2014, the Press Recognition Panel (PRP) was established by Royal Charter as the independent body to oversee press regulation. We have discharged our duties independently, cost-effectively and transparently.

The recognition system was intended to protect the freedom of the press and provide public protections. However, section 40 of the Crime and Courts Act 2014 has not been commenced, meaning that public protections are not in place.

The 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.

Given the key role that you played in the discussions leading to the creation of the PRP, it would be useful for us to meet to discuss these important issues.

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