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Dear Lord Prescott,

We are writing in consideration of the news announced in your column in the Sunday Mirror last week regarding your resignation from the Privy Council.

You wrote of your disappointment at the handling by the Government of the cross party Royal Charter, delays which have led to the industry's rival Charter appearing before the Privy Council ahead of the one approved by Parliament.

We entirely concur with your observation that the consultation, delays and obfuscation "borders on a conspiracy to delay Press regulation".

ENGAGE was the only Muslim organisation to present oral evidence to Lord Justice Leveson and we are pleased that many of our concerns on the representation of Islam and Muslims in the British press were covered in the final report.

We are enthusiastically supportive of the cross party Royal Charter which we believe to be a workable compromise on the many urgent reforms required on press regulation as envisaged by Lord Leveson.

The issue of press reform and regulation is an urgent one indeed and we commend your noble decision to resign from the Privy Council in objection to the way in which this critical issue has been handled.

Yours sincerely,

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