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Dear Tony,

I am writing to you in light of your current licence consultation, not just as a member of the DCMS Select Committee, but as an MP who represents an older community.

In principle, I do feel means-testing is normally the right thing to do in order to ensure we target resources at those most in need. However, it may well be the case that this process would be too complicated to administer; if this is the case, I favour maintaining the free licence fee for those 75 and over.

Many people feel they get little from their licence fee, and the BBC needs to respond to the world around them. As a partially taxpayer funded service, its vital your public responsibility to those who rely on their service for news and to prevent loneliness is taken into serious consideration.

All the best



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