



Sir David Clementi
Chairman, BBC Board
BBC Broadcasting House
Portland Place
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1st February 2019

Dear Sir David,

BBC consultation on license fees for older people

**The NASUWT Federation of Retired Members Association wish to support
the TUC letter of the 4th Dec 2018.**

The BBC is recognised as a valuable asset. It has been put in an invidious position by the government due to *"... the agreement struck between the BBC and the government, under which the cost of free TV licenses for those aged over 75 will transfer from the Treasury to the BBC itself. This equates to a cut in funding of £745million a year, nearly a fifth of the BBC's license fee income."* (TUC 4/12/2018)

It is the government that has put the BBC in this position and yet it will appear, if that is the outcome, that the BBC has taken away the free TV licenses for over 75's. The government in conjunction with the BBC should be trying to find a solution that involves retention of the free TV licenses for the over 75's. None of the options in the consultation document are without issues that would create unfairness for different groups of older people.

Yours sincerely,



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FRMA President



