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HOUSE OF COMMONS

LONDON SW1A 0AA

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Dear Constance,

RE: REGULATION OF THE PRESS.

Thank you for your recent correspondence in respect of the extremely tragic and untimely death of Caroline Flack, and your wish to see greater regulation of the press; your comments upon which I have read with great interest.

The majority of national newspapers are members of the Independent Press Standards Organisation (IPSO) - the independent regulator for most of the newspaper and magazine industry in the UK. IPSO has made continued improvements over the years by incorporating steps recommended by the *Leveson Inquiry*. This was confirmed in Sir Joseph Pilling's 2016 review, which found IPSO had made important achievements in demonstrating it was an independent and effective regulator.

In the years since the *Leveson Inquiry*, many publishers have introduced comprehensive guidance on topics including accuracy and harassment. Where participating publishers fall short of their legal standards, IPSO offers support to victims of libel, slander, or malicious falsehood in the form of low-cost arbitration, which offers quick access to fair and independent redress. IPSO can also take action against publishers that do not comply with the *Editors' Code of Practice*, as it has done on many occasions.

Once again, thank you for having taken the time to contact me and if I can ever be of any further assistance to you then please do not hesitate to contact me again.

With best wishes,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Tom'.

TOM PURSGLOVE MP
MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT
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