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Dear Ms Nandy,

I am writing to you on behalf of Trans Media Watch, an organisation that seeks to encourage the accurate and responsible reporting of stories relating to trans and intersex people in the UK.

In light of the recent sad death of Professor Jason Arday, and the documented media pile on before he took his life (c. 249 articles in 22 days), can you confirm that your government remains committed, as it was in opposition, to enacting the recommendations of the Leveson Report in full?

In particular, can you confirm your government's commitment to re-enacting section 40 of the Crime and Courts Act 2013. As you will be aware, this was removed from legislation by s50 (2) the Media Act 2024.

However, as I am sure you are also aware, Thangam Debbonaire, who held the Labour parliamentary responsibility for Culture, Media and Sport until 2024, expressed support for that clause. She stated, in the Commons on 20 January 2024 that "we on the Labour Benches want a press that is regulated in a way that makes it accountable for its reporting and that meets the highest ethical and journalistic standards."

Given such clear commitments in opposition, we would be most interested to understand when you plan to push ahead with these. Or, failing that, if you have changed your mind, what your explanation is for such change.

We look forward to hearing from you,

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