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Subject: Christian Licences

Dear Ms Jowell,

I am writing today to ask that the Government reconsider its position with regards the ban on Christians applying for national broadcasting licences.

Over the years I have written to the PM on a number of occasions with regard to this matter, and I am sure that now is the right time for the Government to act in a fair and reasonable manner. UCB, particularly has been honourable in their dealings, both with the present and previous Government, and I know you will have found that their motives and methods to be open and honest.

As a minister in the Apostolic Church I would like to highlight that the work of UCB has been of a huge benefit to the members and leaders of my congregation. The publication, "Word for Today" is a fine example of the material, and potential, that this organisation is capable of. There are many more too, who, given the opportunity, will be more than willing to present the wonderful truths of the Christian message in a responsible and challenging way.

Sad to say, but we can see more than ever, our society needs to hear the Good News of the Gospel, and why not give people the opportunity to hear it on the air waves? Please bear in mind that the message is indeed "Good" News, and with so very little precious good news on our airwaves at the moment, I think this will make a very welcome change, and give people at least the "choice" to decide for themselves what news they wish to listen to.

From a Government that champions the "freedom of choice," and indeed "fair play" being a personal message of the PM in the last General Election campaign, then I can only ask that the unfair ban on Christians applying for National broadcasting licences be lifted, and we be allowed to apply in the future for national and local licences, for both radio and television.

Thank you for your time,

Yours sincerely,

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