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Rhona Parry, PSB Review Ofcom, Riverside House, 2A Southwark Bridge Rd, London SE1 9HA

Dear Rhona,

As part of the consultation process on Stage 2 of the PSB Review, I'm writing as a long term supplier of quality factual programming to Channel 4 to say how important I feel it is that Ofcom and the government recognise the very real funding gap that Channel 4 faces in the near future and the need for a solution to this problem to be found urgently.

This is of particular importance in terms of Channel 4's ability to maintain its commitment to high quality content - including productions from the nations and regions of the kind I produce through Testimony Films in Bristol - which will be severely restricted without a commitment to finding a funding solution.

I believe it is important that it is recognised that a publicly owned Channel 4 is at the heart of the PSB system, that a new funding settlement is needed to enable Channel 4 to sustain its PSB role and that that funding settlement is needed quickly

I passionately believe that Channel 4 deserve the funding and support to continue and develop their unique PSB role in British broadcasting. Best Wishes

Dr. Steve Humphries Managing Director, Testimony Films