

From: Lord Pearson of R



The Prime Minister
10 Downing Street
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Dear Prime Minister,

I fear I am in trouble with my conscience over Clause 6 (political impartiality) of the forthcoming Broadcasting Bill.

As it stands this will weaken even the present inadequate legal safeguards, and, amongst other things, will certainly make our life more difficult at the next General Election.

I will of course listen to the arguments, but I have been close to this subject for several years, and fear I shall have to support the amendments tabled by Lord Orr-Ewing and others. It would be a great relief if the Government could reach agreement with them beforehand.

I know its only one vote, but in the circumstances it would be a particularly painful one, and I felt I should contact you in advance.

Yours Sincerely,

Malcolm Pearson
