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Dear Madam/Sir

Protecting participants in TV and radio programmes: Further consultation on new broadcasting rules

Our clients: Gerald Brierley & Leslie Dymond (cousin and brother of Steve Dymond (Deceased))

We act on behalf of the bereaved family of Steve Dymond. As you are no doubt aware, Mr Dymond took his own life on 9 May 2019, days after participation in the Jeremy Kyle Show.

The Inquest into Mr Dymond's death is currently ongoing in the Portsmouth Coroner's Court and my clients are subject to strict confidentiality obligations in relation to material obtained and information learnt about their loved one's experience on the Jeremy Kyle Show. Accordingly, although our clients would very much like to participate in the consultation and provide evidence to Ofcom, they are unfortunately not currently able to do so.

However, our clients are deeply concerned about how Mr Dymond was treated by the Jeremy Kyle Show and ITV. Accordingly, they wish to put on record their strong support, in principle, for improved protection for vulnerable participants in programmes (a category into which Mr Dymond undoubtedly fell).

Although our clients are, regrettably, unable to participate effectively in the consultation in the circumstances, we confirm that they are content for this letter to be published as a formal response to the consultation.

Kindly acknowledge safe receipt.

Yours faithfully,

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