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Dear Sirs

I write in response to the ICO consultation on the draft journalism code of practice.

Reach plc is the largest national and regional news publisher in the UK

Reach PLC endorses the submissions sent to you today by the Media Lawyers Association (MLA) and the News Media Association (NMA) in their entirety. Reach has contributed to those submissions.

In particular, Reach PLC would like to stress how vital it is that any Code sets out prominently (as submitted by the NMA and MLA), firstly "The special importance of the public interest in the freedom of expression and information." DPA s124(5) and secondly, the "proper recognition to the principle of editorial discretion"

Yours faithfully

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