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Dear Sir or Madam,

I have been reliably informed that your office (Ofcom) is proposing to apply radio licence fees to the lifeboat service - RNLI including inshore rescue services.

Initial estimates suggest a figure of £250,000 having to be paid yourselves by the RNLI and the likelihood that many of the inshore rescue service units would have no alternative but to disband.

I am at a total loss to understand how (Ofcom) could think of applying such fees to a organisation who are a dedicated band of volunteers who in their concern for others often put their own lives at risk in their call of duty.

My MP is being written to and asking that he votes against these proposals at the consultation stage and feeling outraged on this issue am encouraging others to also write to their MP.

For a good number of years I have always thought of Ofcom working well for the common good but these proposals have made me change my opinion and the words "Big Brother" come to mind.

Yours faithfully,

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