Template letter for parliamentarians on the UK government’s Copyright and Artificial Intelligence consultation.

**Protect journalists’ rights on AI**

**Dear [INSERT MP NAME]**

I am a member of the National Union of Journalists (NUJ) and a constituent. I am proud of my work but worry alongside many of my colleagues, that safeguards ensuring the protection of my copyright-protected works will be undermined by the new text and data mining exception proposed in the UK government’s Copyright and Artificial Intelligence consultation.

I recognise that AI will bring some opportunities and welcome exploration of these, but AI developers should not be granted access to works to train their technologies without consent or fair payment for rightsholders.

AI is no substitute for journalism. The editorial integrity and human judgement behind the text and photographs created by myself and colleagues to high ethical standards including on accuracy, play an important role in encouraging trust and public participation in our democratic structures; that must be protected.

Please raise concerns about the impact of the proposed data mining exception on journalists and journalism, highlighting the [NUJ’s calls](https://www.nuj.org.uk/resource/artificial-intelligence.html) including on the need for greater transparency by AI developers on the data sources used to train technologies. The contribution of creators within the creative industries means the sector is worth £125 billion to our economy. It is crucial therefore, that government proposals help safeguard works, through strong regulatory copyright protections, and not efforts by some AI developers to weaken these.

I hope you will write to Feryal Clark, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for AI and Digital Government and to Chris Bryant, Minister of State at the Department for Science, Innovation and Technology.

**Yours sincerely,**

**[INSERT YOUR NAME]**