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Dear Mr Brown,

Thank you for your letter of 2 April and the attached copy letter to Mr Russell.

I appreciate your expression of regret at the pain and anguish this whole matter has brought to Shirley and our family and value your prompt replies to my letters and keeping us updated on the SCRO enquiry.

As you will appreciate however this does not end the anguish. It will continue until this whole sorry mess is concluded.

I have read both your letters carefully.

Aside from your incredibly selective review of Shirley's trial and the outcome of the HMCI's and criminal enquiries it is interesting to note that the only person not allowed representation in the decision making process surrounding the composition and role of the 'SCRO Scrutiny Committee' was Shirley.

Unison, ACPO's the Joint Police Board all had a part to play and all have a vested interest in the outcome of this affair.

The 'Scrutiny Committee' was neither independent nor qualified to examine the issues that mattered.

I think you will agree however that such observations are basically irrelevant.

**Shirley's case is simple.**

**If my daughter is telling the truth then the SCRO experts and responsible supervisors are either incompetent or criminals.**

**There is overwhelming evidence pointing to the truth so we must draw the inevitable conclusions.**

Unfortunately it is not evidence that is lacking but will within the Scottish Executive and the so-called Scottish Justice System to have the truth revealed.

The whole exercise has clearly shown that the System, and you are a part of that system, always acts with self-interest.

The System must survive and the individual is expendable.

This is a matter of great sadness to me as a father of a stricken daughter and a person who until now has taken pride in his Scottish roots and heritage.

Yours sincerely,

**Iain A J McKie**

**Copy: Michael Russell MSP**