

## Petition to Parliament

I have no MP so am asking Chris Williamson MP to read this to the house as is my right as a UK citizen.

To Parliament Assembled Etc

The Petition of Eileen Chubb, as a whistle-blower, (BUPA 7) Founder and National Director of the charity Compassion in Care which supports whistle-blowers in health and social care and as co-founder of the Whistler which supports whistle-blowers from all other sectors. I raise the following concerns.

As an organisation that supports whistle-blowers, I am concerned that the implications of the Julian Assange case will have serious implications for all whistle-blowers and for a free press.

I would point out that Wikileaks is a publisher which has shown absolute commitment to protecting the identity of whistle-blowers. My concern is that the treatment of Julian Assange will criminalize journalism and that as a result whistle-blowers will lose an invaluable means of bringing vital information to the attention of the public.

We are already seeing the negative impact of the Julian Assange case, help-line callers asking if their identity will be protected if the journalist is arrested, surely this is not a question that should be asked in a country that purports to have a free press.

I can not stress enough the importance of great journalism and a free press in saving lives and stopping abuse.

The rule of law requires there can be no punishment without a crime being committed; this is also being bypassed in the case of Julian Assange.

I ask this house to respect the rights of Julian Assange as a journalist and as a human being and that

he is released immediately and is safe from any threat of extradition.

Prayer etc

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