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My Lord Mayor,

REQUEST TO TRANSFER THE FREEDOM OF THE CITY TO 39 SIGNAL REGIMENT (THE SKINNERS)

I write to you on the subject of the Freedom of the City of Bristol currently held by the Army Reserve sub-unit, 57 Signal Squadron, part of 39 Signal Regiment. Sadly, due to a restructuring, 57 Signal Squadron was disbanded in 2015 leaving the Regimental Headquarters of 39th Signal Regiment and 93rd (North Somerset Yeomanry) Support Squadron at the Horfield site in Bristol. A number of individuals who served with 57 Signal Squadron moved across to the Regimental Headquarters and 93rd Signal Squadron on disbandment.

Therefore, a sub-unit of 39 Signal Regiment that no longer exists currently holds the Freedom of the City. Thus, we would be extremely honoured if you would consider transferring the Freedom to 39th Signal Regiment (The Skinners) to continue the strong links the Regiment has with Bristol. By way of a celebration of this transfer we would be delighted to exercise the Freedom of the City as part of the wider Armed Forces Day on 29 June 2019 or at some other convenient date in the future.

Presently our regiment enjoys a thriving relationship with the City of Bristol and the surrounding areas. As a Reserve regiment our numbers are made up of people who all live and work within the area. We have fostered strong relationships with a number of Bristol based companies including Airbus, Rolls Royce and Leidos who all have signed Armed Forces Covenant agreements. Looking to the future, we are adapting as an organisation in expanding our role in support of the Armed Forces whilst maintaining our role to provide communications with the emergency services during times of local crises such as flooding or other serious incidents. Such support would be directed from our centre in Bristol. We will continue to support Armed Forces representation in Bristol through Armed Forces Day, Remembrance and various other events.

I eagerly await your kind response.

Yours faithfully,