Your name

Full address

**Your MP’s name**

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Date

Dear [MP name]

I write as one of your constituents seeking your support in opposing recent proposals to cut jobs and programmes at BBC Northern Ireland.

The BBC has just announced 36 jobs at BBC Radio Foyle would be cut, alongside its Breakfast Show and much-loved news bulletins. These plans are an unfair and targeted attack at the communities served by BBC Radio Foyle and all those who contribute to its success.

As a listener, I recognise the significant contribution colleagues put into the creation of the local news bulletins that now face being axed if proposals succeed. These bulletins are listened to by a wide listenership across Ireland and act as an essential source of quality journalism and news. As you know, Radio Foyle is a respected institution within Derry and has been the cornerstone of local journalism for over forty years.

Its Breakfast Show covers a breadth of topics including on PSNI, local government, sport, and politics matters. Its closure alongside daily news bulletins would no doubt leave a hole in output we currently receive, with almost all news bulletins broadcast from Belfast instead.

These plans are a hammer blow to local news and have been opposed by the National Union of Journalists. The union has urged BBC bosses to rethink plans in order to save jobs and defend public service broadcasting In Northern Ireland.

Please join constituents, community groups and other political parties in writing to Tim Davie, director general of the BBC and Richard Sharp, BBC chair to request a reversal of plans. BBC Radio Foyle is worth defending to protect the quality, diverse journalism produced by this station.

Yours sincerely,

[your name]

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