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Dear Mr Radcliffe,

I am writing on behalf of Aberdeen & Grampian Chamber of Commerce to express our deep concern and disappointment at STV's decision to cut its dedicated North news output in favour of a single pan-Scotland programme.

This change risks silencing the voice of the North-east at a critical time for our region, when issues such as the future of the North Sea, investment in energy transition, and the resilience of our local economy are of national importance.

Our members fear that the unique challenges and opportunities facing the North-east will be overlooked if decisions about coverage are centralised and homogenised.

Local news is not simply about broadcast hours - it is about ensuring accountability, representation, and the fair treatment of communities outside the Central Belt. To remove dedicated regional output undermines that principle and weakens Scotland's media ecosystem.

We urge you to reconsider this decision. At the very least, we request an urgent meeting with you and your senior team to discuss how STV intends to continue delivering fair coverage of the North-east. We have also contacted Ofcom on this matter.

The Chamber represents more than 1,300 businesses and 125,000 employees across Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire. We are united in our belief that our region deserves a voice on national television, and we will be vocal in ensuring that voice is not diminished.

I look forward to your urgent response.

Yours sincerely

Russell Borthwick
Chief Executive