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Dear Secretary of State,

I am writing on behalf of Aberdeen & Grampian Chamber of Commerce to raise our serious concern at the announcement by STV Group that it intends to cut its dedicated North news output and replace it with a single pan-Scotland programme.

This is a retrograde step that risks marginalising the voice of the North-east of Scotland - a region that plays an outsized role in the UK economy. At a time when the future of the North Sea, energy transition, food and drink exports, and technology-led growth are shaping national policy debates, it is vital that our communities are properly represented in mainstream broadcast media.

By reducing regional news provision, STV risks depriving audiences in the North-east of fair and proportionate coverage, undermining the principles of public service broadcasting.

Such a move would diminish accountability, weaken democratic engagement, and contribute to the growing sense that media in Scotland is increasingly central-belt focused.

The Chamber represents over 1,300 businesses and 125,000 employees across Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire. Our members are united in the view that this decision is unacceptable. We therefore urge the UK Government to engage with both Ofcom and STV as a matter of urgency to ensure that regional representation is not diluted.

Thank you for your urgent attention to this matter.

Yours sincerely

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