Your name

Full address

**Your MP’s name**

**MP address**

Date

Dear [MP name]

I write as a constituent seeking your support in opposing the BBC’s plans to cut local radio.

Local radio provides a vital service to millions like me, who tune in to hear programmes including on news, weather, and entertainment daily. Over 5.7 million people listen to local radio and plans to reduce programming will have a huge impact on communities.

The National Union of Journalists has held discussions with the BBC to persuade them against proposals resulting in stations sharing their programmes, which means less than half will be relevant to local communities. Under plans, output after 2pm on weekdays and weekends will be shared, reducing the breadth of quality journalism we know and love.

NUJ members working in local radio, many now having to apply for their own jobs, have been forced to take strike action on Friday 5 May to get their message across to BBC managers.

The union would like to thank you for your support so far. A House of Commons debate said BBC local radio was “a lifeline for news and education, mitigating against rural isolation and supporting people’s rural mental health”, a “great incubator for new talent” and “one of the crown jewels of our public sector broadcaster.

[Insert MP name], please join BBC local radio listeners, your MP colleagues and community groups in writing to Tim Davie, director general of the BBC, urging a rethink on plans. Cuts to local radio will mean communities no longer have access to journalism that focuses on the news and pride of local areas. NUJ members at BBC Local are taking strike action for 24 hours on Friday 5 May. Please send a message of solidarity and do visit them on the picket line.

Yours sincerely,

[your name]

The BBC Director General : tim.davie@bbc.co.uk