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Dear Emma,

Thank you for your recent emails regarding the proposals to co-locate Valleys Radio, Swansea Sound and The Wave in one UTV South Wales headquarters.

As an Assembly Member covering a large valleys constituency I am all too aware of the importance of local radio. Not only does local radio have deep roots within our communities but crucially, it provides news of both local and national interest.

Here in Merthyr Tydfil & Rhymney, Valleys Radio is a well established station with a good record of positive engagement with the community.

I am supportive of any proposals that would develop and enhance local radio - both in terms of news provision and also the wider programming.

Yours sincerely,

**HUW LEWIS AM** 

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