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Dear Ms Basran,

We are a group of 176 Sky News employees who have decided to write to you as an interested party in the 21st Century Fox/Sky merger. We have serious concerns about what the potential closure of Sky News would mean not only for us, but for wider society. In the first instance, scrapping the channel would result in redundancy for more than 500 people. The loss of those jobs would be deeply damaging for journalism in the UK.

Sky News delivers exclusive reports, first rate analysis and hard-hitting documentaries, across a wide range of subjects. Take for example our recent extensive reporting of the Myanmar refugee crisis (which the Prime Minister referenced during her main foreign policy speech of the year), our live presentation from the front line during the battle for Mosul and our investigations into alleged health injustices, such as Primodos and vaginal mesh implants. We provide quality political and financial coverage. Sky's Ocean Rescue Campaign - launched by Sky News - has gained significant public and political momentum in the past year. Ocean Rescue has contributed to changes in Scottish government policy on plastics. Through its award-winning journalism, the channel enhances the UK media landscape.

The closure of Sky News would damage media plurality in this country because we would only have the BBC for domestic 24-hour television news. There would, therefore, be less diversity of independent views, with one broadcaster enjoying a monopoly.

All of us at Sky News have a genuine commitment to broadcasting standards. We are proud of our excellent track record of compliance. British news, in general, is held in high esteem internationally, because journalists are bound not only by law but by their own guidelines to be objective and impartial. At Sky News, we have always maintained our allegiance to fair and honest reporting that reflects all manner of opinion on public debate and we always will.

Over the last three decades, from being the first 24 hour news channel, Sky News has become a core part of the UK media landscape on television, radio and online. It has trained thousands of ambitious, young journalists, it has offered award winning coverage of some of the biggest news stories and its agenda is monitored by rival newsrooms up and down the country.

Yours sincerely,

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Ian King, Business Presenter

Alex Crawford, Sky News Special Correspondent

Anna Botting, Presenter, News at Ten

Stuart Ramsay, Sky News Chief Correspondent

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Sarah Hewson, Presenter
Martin Brunt, Crime Correspondent
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Tom Macleod, Presenter
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Ashish Joshi, Senior Correspondent
Kimberley Leonard, Presenter
Robert Nisbet, Senior Political Correspondent
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Jackie Faulkner, Special Events Consultant
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