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Dear Minister.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my deep concern regarding any possible reduction in funding to sport in Northern Ireland. I understand the significance of the 2012 Olympics but this should not be an issue that is harmful to the wider development of sport in Northern Ireland. At a time when the levels of obesity are rising we should be increasing levels of funding for sports and sports development, in particular to community sport.

All who are involved in sport are anxious to ensure that a strong case is put forward to ensure sport is a winner as a result of the current consultation process for the draft Programme for Government draft Budget 2008-11.

Yours sincerely  
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