

Dear Mr. Wallace,

Thank you very much for your comments in yesterday's Herald. I would like to add my small voice to the outcry over the proposed curtailing of the Strathclyde Police Pipe Band.

"The Polis" was my first introduction to the world of modern pipe bands. As a young teen, I saved my money to purchase their album "Six in A Row" and I listened to it endlessly, dreaming of the time when I, too, would have the opportunity to learn the pipes. That was 21 years ago, and I am in my 15th year of piping with the Grade III Minnesota Police Pipe Band, serving as one of the Pipe Sergeants.

I certainly don't need to tell you what a tragedy it will be for Scotland and, by extension, the world to lose such a venerable and important musical and cultural ensemble. Please know that there are many of us here in the States that support your efforts to reverse this decision by police hierarchy and will do what we can to add to the "international outrage" you spoke of yesterday.

Sincerely,

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