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BUDGET VIEWS,  
ROOM B119,  
THE COUNCIL HOUSE  
VICTORIA SQUARE.  
BIRMINGHAM B1 1BB.

Dear Sir,

Re. Birmingham  
City Council's financial support for the CBSO.  
While acknowledging the difficult times we  
are in, I feel that the City should do its utmost  
not to cut further the funding of the CBSO.  
I've heard that other orchestras, notably the  
Concertgebouw of Amsterdam and the Boston  
Symphony Orchestra are keen to poach Andris  
Nelsons from Birmingham. No doubt there  
are others. It would be shaming for  
Birmingham to lose this charismatic  
conductor for the sake of a relatively small  
sum, akin to losing Simon Rattle at a  
similar stage of his tenure.

Yours sincerely

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