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Hello Mike & Phil

I trust you will pass this letter of support across please...

I have been involved with numerous funding bodies over the last decade in both RCT, Cardiff, Caerphilly and now Monmouthshire

My experience includes having received consultation and funding for various projects but also having worked on design commissions for literally dozens of smes's in South Wales

Based on this experience I can safely say that your organisation gives the most "real world" help and assistance of any funding based organisation I have ever dealt with

They provide a wide base of assistance that is organised by people who have and are in business In my business world, the most impressive people are the doers not the talkers and we need more help not less from people like this, particularly in a deep recession

There have been so many shake ups and reshaping exercises that I have lost count of the various quangos and similar over the years and all of these measures cost money in themselves. It NOT time for another change but rather for greater investment in something that is actually making a difference.

The geography that HOVIP covers should be expanded – there should be no discussion of reduction in size or coverage

Instead of expanding I am treading water – the knock on effect of reducing funding for smes is enormous

HOVIP is real support for businesses that really need it – move your focus to other non worthy causes

If you wish to interview me or discuss any of these views then please do not hesitate to contact me

Kind regards

Haddon