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Warsaw, 25 January 2023

Ms. Anna Louise Clunes
Ambassador of the British Embassy
in Warsaw

Dear ambassador Anna Louise Clunes,

On behalf of the OPZZ, the largest Polish trade union confederation, I would like to express our deep concern about the Minimum Service Levels Bill which has been debated in the UK Parliament this month.

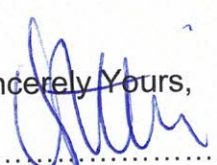
The Bill could lead to individual workers being fired for taking part in industrial action supported by the democratic process. It delegates excessive powers to the Secretary of State to determine what services are affected and what level of minimum services should be provided. The UK Government's own analysis has warned that it could lead to more strikes

The UK already has the strictest anti-union laws in Western Europe. We are particularly concerned that the Bill will even further move the UK away from international democratic norms and breach the International Labour Organisation and Council of Europe standards to which the UK has committed itself.

Trade unions are a fundamental pillar of democracy and the right to strike is a basic human right.

We urge you to convey to UK ministers the solidarity of working people in the UK with public servants and all workers in the UK who are trying to defend their living standards and defeat these unjust and counterproductive measures.

Sincerely Yours,


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Piotr Ostrowski
The President of the OPZZ