Dear Dr Malawana

Solidarity with Junior Doctors

We are writing as the officers of Doctors in Unite (Medical Practitioners’ Union) to offer our total support and solidarity to you at this time from our TUC affiliated union.

As doctors ourselves we understand why you cannot accept a contract that is unsafe and unfair. We know this dispute is not about your pay packet. We have all dealt with patients when we are tired and exhausted and we know that the welfare of our patients come first and foremost in our daily working lives in the NHS. It is so important that you fight for a safe and fair contract in order to protect patients in the future.

An attack on junior doctors is an attack on all staff in the NHS and the wider public sector. The incredible result from the ballot showed how angry you are with Jeremy Hunt and David Cameron in their dealings with you. Megaphone diplomacy and pronouncements via Twitter are no way to negotiate with doctors who are the backbone of the NHS. We know the threat of an imposed contract still hangs over you and that is unacceptable.

The government and their friends in the media will seek to discredit you but we know you are making the right decision taking this action and you are doing it for the greater good of a safer NHS for all of our futures. All doctors, the public and our patients are proud of what you are doing and ask you to stand firm and we will do all we can to support you.

Doctors in Unite stand with you. NHS staff stand with you. The public stand with you.

Yours in solidarity

Dr Ron Singer, President
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