



**Geraint Davies MP**

Member of Parliament for Croydon Central  
House of Commons, Westminster, London SW1A 0AA

To: GESO/GSEU

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Dear Sir/Madam

I was extremely concerned to hear of the withdrawal of the right of graduate teachers to participate in a trade union in the US. I understand that a number of UK students who are graduate students at Yale, Columbia and other private US higher education institutions will be directly affected by this.

Our experience in the UK is that trade union membership leads to higher standards for both the staff delivering the service and those receiving it. Moreover, the ability to join a trade union is a basic internationally recognised human right. I therefore support the work of GESO and GSEU and their campaign to restore the right of graduate students to be represented by a trade union.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Geraint Davies".

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