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**AN APPEAL TO TRADE UNIONS:
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Hello comrades,

I'm writing to appeal to your union structures to consider a donation and subscription to Scotland's fortnightly socialist publication, the *Scottish Socialist Voice*. And to encourage individual union members to do likewise.

There's never been a greater need for a workers' voice. For a genuine working-class, socialist alternative to the corruption, poverty, inequality, environmental destruction, warmongering, genocide and racist incitement of capitalism and its politicians.

Trade unionists need every available vehicle to combat the 'mainstream' media, where seven out of the 10 largest media companies are billionaire-owned; they distort by omission as well as by spewing out endless lies and capitalist propaganda. You only need look at their reportage of the genocide in Gaza, or the endless platform for Farage and Reform UK, or the blanket of silence and misrepresentation facing most trade union struggles.

The *Voice* gives a platform to people battling for better wages; in defence of jobs, conditions, health and safety, and public services; against attacks on their communities; against war and climate change, for socialist change.

As I'm sure you would acknowledge, over the years the *Voice* has offered your union and its representatives the opportunity to put the case on key issues affecting your membership, without censorship or alteration of what you write and say.

We have carried articles directly written by members of your union, as well as interviews, reports from demos and picket lines, to help spread your messages and build solidarity across the wider trade union and socialist movement.

We produce both a print edition of the *Voice* and a regular fortnightly electronic edition. Any donation you can offer towards the escalating print and production costs will be genuinely appreciated — and will also mean you are added to our subscribers' list, to distribute the fortnightly e-*Voice* to union activists.

Several union branches and Scottish committees already do so and find it a valuable weapon in helping to engage and inform their activists.

I hope you can agree a donation towards us continuing to offer trade unionists a socialist voice. The bank account details to make a donation are at the top of this page. If you make a donation, please email me to say, with your contact details for a receipt.

Thanks comrades.

Yours in struggle and socialism,
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