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Dear Gail, dear Colleagues,

The European Federation of Public Service Unions (EPSU) brings together 209 public sector unions representing some 8 million workers in 36 European countries.

These workers provide local citizens with much-needed public services on a daily basis.

Public service workers across Europe are seeing their purchasing power being eroded, with governments and employers preaching wage moderation and doing little to act against high profits, rising prices and the weakening of social rights. Quality health services go hand in hand with quality conditions of work, including pay. EPSU wants that those that take care for the sick and the dying 24 hours a day are well paid. These are dedicated workers and they deserve to be paid above inflation. Public sector workers cannot be expected to bear the brunt of pay restraints with no pressure on the salaries of the super rich.

We wish you full success for your national action day of 18 July!

Yours sincerely



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