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Dear Dr Finaldi,

Welcome to your new role as Director of the National Gallery in London.

We are concerned that as you take up office PCS members are on strike over the gallery's privatisation plans and their impact these will have.

We believe that a take-over of two thirds of the gallery's staff by Securitas, a private security company, will damage the services the gallery provides. We also support the staff demands for contractual guarantees over their terms and conditions. We note that the company claim on their web site they provide a cheaper service because they "are able to pay their staff a lower rate".

We also believe that PCS representative Candy Udwin should be reinstated since an Employment Tribunal Interim Relief hearing has ruled it likely she has been dismissed unfairly for her trade union activities.

We call on you to meet urgently with PCS to seek a resolution to this long running dispute so that art lovers who also believe in fairness and justice can once again enjoy the National Gallery and its collection.

Sincerely,

[Name]