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Mr Brendan Barber General Secretary TUC Congress House Great Russel Street WC1B 3LS London

[Sent by e-mail: <u>otudor@tuc.org.uk</u>]

Dear Brendan,

The ETUC stands in solidarity with health workers and patients in the UK rallying to save the NHS on 7 March.

There is no evidence that 'private is best', in fact competition is more likely to hit hardest those in society that needs these services the most. At the same time as this huge reorganisation and privatisation of the NHS, the NHS is facing huge cuts, like other public services in Europe. In this time of austerity it is simply unacceptable that the price of the crisis is borne by the workers and the users of such vital services as health and social care.

The ETUC says 'enough is enough', there is an alternative.

In solidarity,

Bernadette Ségol

ETUC General Secretary