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Dear John,

I am writing to express my thanks to you and your members for supporting PCS members during the National Gallery dispute.

The dispute has now come to a conclusion after 100 days of strike action.

I particularly wanted to thank you personally for organising the joint day of action between our members and your members in July, and for the many times you attended the picket line. It was in no small part due to the support PCS members received from Barnet Unison members that they were able to stand firm.

PCS members opposed the privatisation of the gallery's 400 visitor services staff and we regret that we have been unable to prevent it going ahead. We are however pleased to have reached an agreement with the gallery and contractor Securitas that guarantees a return to work for our senior rep Candy Udwin, protection of terms and conditions for staff and union recognition with the company, and the London living wage.

Please pass on my thanks to your members at Barnet Unison and please let me know if there is any practical support PCS can offer in your continuing struggle against privatisation.

Yours in solidarity

MARK SERWOTKA General Secretary