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Dear Ricky,

SOLIDARITY & SUPPORT OF SOUTH WEST FBU WITH BUCKINGHAMSHIRE MEMBERS

I am writing on behalf of the FBU South West Region to express our solidarity and support with Bucks FBU members. The Regional Committee have expressed this in the following statement which was passed unanimously at our most recent meeting:

"The FBU South West Region wish to formally express our solidarity and support with Bucks FBU members who are once again facing a "lock out" at the hands of a vindictive and unprofessional Chief Fire Officer.

We want every FBU member in Bucks to know that we stand with you in our anger at the treatment you are being forced to suffer and that you have the solidarity and support of every FBU member in every one of our Brigades in the South West.

Having seen recent correspondence from your CFO to Firefighters we believe his conduct to be vindictive, divisive, punitive and against all the professional values that we, as Firefighters, hold dear. It is a disgrace that politicians in your Fire Authority have allowed this situation to take place, which has the effect of denying the County of its professional fire cover for longer than is necessary. We demand that these politicians face up to their responsibilities and immediately withdraw the threat to "lock out" FBU members taking part in lawful, national Industrial Action."

Please accept this resolution from our committee to yours; as Firefighters and FBU members we understand Rule No1 - "We always stick together".

In solidarity,

T MCFARLANE

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEMBER

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