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Dear Koen,

I'm writing on behalf of the Students' Union ahead of the forthcoming eight days of Industrial Action proposed by the UCU from Monday the 25th of November 2019, through to Wednesday the 4th of December 2019.

I think we both agree that it is important that we all come to the table for open and frank discussions about the current situation, and how it's affecting students.

Our Students' Union Council overwhelmingly voted in favour to support the UCU's aims ahead of this strike. Ultimately though, we want it to be made clear to our members that we want strikes to finish as quickly as possible. The best way to do that is to have discussions between our three organisations, to ensure that we can keep positive relations between all parties during this time, and also to consider how we can mitigate the impact of these strikes on students as effectively as possible.

I know you understand that it's a confusing and difficult time for students, and that we have a responsibility to act in their best interests. I have been really pleased by the proactive approach to student welfare the University have taken so far, and I think that this is something our students will really appreciate.

There are some points though, which are important for us to discuss on behalf of students:

- Plans to recover learning and teaching that will be missed during strikes
- Assessment and feedback deadlines that will follow missed teaching
- Money saved by the University from the strikes and how it should be redistributed

If we can open discussions about these really important concerns, it will mean that we can help put in measures that will support our students as much as possible over the next few weeks.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jake Verity', written in a cursive style.

Jake Verity
President
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Cc Sam Marsh, Branch President UCU Sheffield