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Dear Matt,

It is with considerable regret and a little anger that we find it necessary to write to you on behalf of our members, and in particular our transgender members, regarding the statements recently made by a member of your National Executive Council, Paul Embery.

These were posted to Twitter at 8:27am on 23 July as reported by Pink News on 27 July. We are aware Mr Embery has a track record of making inappropriate comments on Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual as well as Transgender issues.

Sadly this as another example of the hysteria that is appearing in many places regarding possible changes to the Gender Recognition Act 2004. The fact that a union is failing to condemn an official for his transphobic remarks we find quite appalling.

We would be pleased to see the Fire Brigades Union issue a statement on this matter as a matter of urgency. For our part this letter will be published on our website together with a statement from our co-chairs.

We look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely,

Ian Dylan Thomas and Sarah Kerton

Co-Chairs, LGBT Labour

c.c.: Pat Carberry, FBU LGBT Secretary, FBU LGBT Section

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