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Copy to Kate Hudson, CWU Head of Equality, Education & Development here: learn@cwu.org

X November 2020

By email

Dear (enter your MP name here)

The recent announcement about the Union Learning Fund

I’m writing to ask you to contact the Secretary of State for Education to raise my concerns about his department’s decision to cut all the funding for the Union Learning Fund (ULF) from April of next year. I think the decision is especially surprising as it comes so soon after the Prime Minister’s announcement of a new Lifetime Skills Guarantee.

Union learning reaches workers who might not otherwise have got back into learning. There were more than 200,000 learners last year, and it’s open to union members and non-members alike. Employers are clear that support from union learning reps and the Union Learning Fund boost take-up of training and skills development.

If possible, please add a paragraph here that includes any details about how the Union Learning Fund has supported your own training and development, or people you know who have benefitted or local businesses that have benefitted.

It’s crucial that the UK helps workers retrain and reskill to take on the jobs of the future – especially in the middle of this recession caused by the pandemic. The Union Learning Fund supports workplace learning projects that help meet this aspiration and fulfil the government’s adult skills priorities.

Please ask the Secretary of State for Education to reconsider his decision and continue to fund the Union Learning Fund.

I look forward to your reply.

Yours sincerely

Your name goes here

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