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Dear Sir/ Madam,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Public Service Executive Union (Justice & Equality Branch) which represents staff in that Department about the issue of Lifetime Community Rating on domestic health insurance.

Our Branch has seen, and supports, the comprehensive submission made to you by the Unions representing staff in the Department of Foreign Affairs dated 1 March.

Staff in this Department serving abroad include staff serving in, for example, Visa offices in other jurisdictions, who are just as affected by the issue as our colleagues in the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

Like our colleagues in the Department of Foreign Affairs we believe that it is completely unacceptable that civil servants who are asked or obliged to serve the State abroad; who are otherwise treated the same as colleagues remaining at home for purposes of salary, tax, etc.; and who pay the normal contribution for health insurance, are treated as if they are 'late entrants' to private health insurance. Civil servants assigned abroad are merely seeking an entitlement (lifetime, non-loaded health insurance) for which they pay.

We urge you to take on board the issues raised in the submission made to you by our colleagues in the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. We strongly urge that adjustments in the rules and regulations be introduced to address these issues.

We are available to meet with you to discuss the matter.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Colm Henry', is written over a horizontal line.

Mr Colm Henry  
Secretary,  
Public Service Executive Union's Justice Branch