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Dear Mr Šimašius

EPSU represents public service workers in over 260 trade unions across 50 countries and yesterday our North East constituency met and listened with concern about the situation in Vilnius Public Transport. Unions from Armenia, Estonia, Georgia, Latvia and Ukraine joined colleagues from Lithuania in calling on you to undertake negotiations with the transport unions.

They urge you to address their key demands to:

- stop the deterioration of labour and social standards in the company;
- establish a system of remuneration in the collective agreement as provided in Article 140 of the Labour Code;
- increase wages by 10%; and
- ensure that workers' rights are respected and enforced.

The unions also support the demand that Vilnius City Municipality ensure fair and equal competitive conditions by announcing the procurement of passenger transport services on local regular routes in order to protect employees from the threats of social dumping and to rule out any move towards privatisation.

For EPSU decent work is essential for quality public services and we hope that you take the right steps to invest in Vilnius Public Transport and its employees.

We look forward to your response on this matter and we will keep in touch with our affiliates in Lithuania to monitor developments.

Yours sincerely



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EPSU General Secretary