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Dear (insert name of MP here),

I am writing to you as my MP to ask for your support in campaigning for a pay increase for hard working job centre security officers, like me.

I work in **xxxxxxx** Job Centre as a G4S guard. My trade union, the GMB, is campaigning for G4S guards to be paid at least a living wage. The current Living Wage and London Living Wage rates are £9:50ph and £10:85 ph respectively.

As a security guard in a job centre, I provide an essential public service, yet my wages do not reflect the key role that I play in keeping job centres safe and helping DWP staff to support customers. The nature of the role means that customers can sometimes become aggressive, my role is not an easy one.

The DWP can fix this problem very easily. The standard rate of pay for a G4S guard is £9:15 and £10:40 in Greater London. When my employer next comes to negotiate on pay with my union, the DWP can agree to uplift wages on the contract in line with Living Wage rates.

The DWP is responsible for getting people into work and reducing reliance on benefits and yet some of my colleagues are relying on in work benefits and in some extreme cases, food banks. This can - not be right.

I would be happy to come and meet you to discuss my concerns or alternatively I would like you to raise this issue in parliament or directly with Therese Coffey, the SOS for Work and Pensions.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Your sincerely,