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Dear local trade union representatives,

## **International Workers' Memorial Day 2020**

As we come together today to commemorate the sacrifice of workers on International Workers' Memorial Day, I want to convey my gratitude to you and all trade union representatives in our city for your efforts in the name of justice, fairness and equality.

Now more than ever, in this time of crisis for our country, we are reminded of the importance of our trade union movement in the fight for the protection and the safety of those in work.

This year's commemorations, against the backdrop of Covid-19, are even more poignant. This pandemic has made the sacrifice of workers for the good of our community undisputable. Tragically, workers have died already and many more are injured or unwell.

The work you carry out, fighting for values of solidarity, of compassion, of social justice, and for the under-privileged is of incalculable value to our city and wider society. Not only does it help create a better tomorrow for future generations, it saves lives.

I know I speak for many in Portsmouth when I say, thank you. I stand with you in commemorating workers on this important day, and in solidarity with you when I say we will shall continue this battle for equality, justice and social justice together.

Yours,

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**Stephen Morgan MP**