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I M B U N D E S T A G

To the Bank of England staff
and UNITE the Union,

Berlin, 1st of August 2017

we, parliamentarians of DIE LINKE, wholeheartedly support your protest against the frivolous offer of the Court of Directors that would not even come close to compensating for inflation. You are justified in taking strike action to lend more weight to your demands.

We are shocked to hear that this offer has been imposed on you without consulting your recognized union. Instead of properly negotiating in the spirit of social partnership, Director Mark Joseph Carney allocated a wholly inadequate pay rise pot of 1% to the department managers. They should then decide on a case by case basis which colleague should get what kind of pay rise. That has nothing to do with proper collective bargaining agreements and opens the floodgates for arbitrariness and nepotism.

History has proven that employers and their political representatives have always tried to resist workers' participation. That's why it is so important that you do not just play along with the Court of Directors' game. Participation free zones should not be tolerated in any workplace!

Whether Great Britain is in the EU or not, we will stand squarely on the side of working people and their right to permanent work contracts and collective bargaining agreements. We believe in a just society freed from the politics of austerity. We believe in a world in which solidarity and not moneyed interests prevails.

That is why we say with you: Fair pay for all!

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