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Dear Vice-Chancellor,

I am writing to you as a student/on behalf of [student group] at Lancaster University, to express my/our support for the UCU's 18 days of strikes.

Staff's working conditions are our learning conditions. We will only receive real value for our money if staff are being treated correctly. Working in Higher Education should be rewarding and inspiring, and we have an institution full of staff who chose their careers because they believe in the value of education and want to pass that on to students.

After so much of my/our time at university being disrupted by COVID and previous strike action, I/we do not want the full 18 days of strikes to become a necessity, and I/we know staff feel the same. The strike action can be ended by Vice-Chancellors standing up for their staff nationally and engaging in meaningful negotiations locally. I/we hope that you will do everything in your power to prevent further disruption to the education of your students, by ensuring your staff are secure and valued in their jobs.

I/we ask you to stand up for Lancaster staff in negotiations on pay and pensions, and to negotiate with Lancaster UCU towards a mutually agreeable resolution. Please stand with your staff and students as we strive for a fairer Higher Education system, so that Lancaster University can continue to deliver a world-class education to be proud of for years to come.

Yours faithfully,

[your name – position if applicable]