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1 February 2010

TO: ALL BRANCHES AND OFFICERS

Dear Colleague

**RE: DEFEND THE WELFARE STATE AND PUBLIC SERVICES -
MARCH & RALLY SATURDAY 10 APRIL 2010**

I attach information about a trade union march and rally organised in defence of the Welfare State and public services which is to be held on Saturday 10 April 2010.

The march will assemble at 12 noon until 1.00 p.m. at Temple Place on the Embankment and march to Trafalgar Square for a rally and speakers, music and entertainment, commencing at 2.00 p.m.

The GMB as a union is supporting this event and there will be delegations attending the march from GMB regions across the UK. Given the threat our members in public services face and the importance of the Welfare State and public services as an issue in the forthcoming general election we want to encourage members and activists within the Yorkshire and North Derbyshire region to support and attend on the day.

Please note therefore that we have a limited number of train tickets available for members and activists who wish to attend the march and rally. Train tickets are available by request from my secretary, Mandy Roache, on the pro forma attached. Please note that as ticket availability is limited we may need to limit the allocation of tickets to branches. However, this will depend on the demand. Please complete and return the pro forma by **12 March 2010**. Please note travel arrangements are as follows:

Tickets will enable members to join the outward train either at:

Leeds	7.40 a.m.
Wakefield	7.52 a.m.
Doncaster	8.10 a.m.

There is then a change at Peterborough before the onward journey to Kings Cross, arriving at 10.49 a.m.

The return journey from Kings Cross is at 4.00 p.m., again changing at Peterborough and arriving back at:

Doncaster 19.03 p.m.
Wakefield 19.22 p.m.
Leeds 19.43 p.m.

Please note that the tickets are only valid on these trains at these times, otherwise a full fare will need to be paid.

I would be grateful if you could circulate this information to members within your branch and encourage support for this important march and rally.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully

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Name:

Address:

Membership Number:

Branch:

Please state number of tickets required: for the following members (please list below):

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Please return to Mandy Roache
GMB, Grove Hall, 60 College Grove Road, Wakefield, WF1 3RN
by 12 March 2010