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To  
**David Maria Sassoli**  
President of the European Parliament

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Dear President Sassoli,

It has come to our attention that a total of 60 workers in the European Parliament, contracted by the Compass Group, are at risk of losing their jobs.


This decision is inhumane and inexplicable to us. These essential workers were on the front line during the Covid-19 pandemic. EP facilities such as the cafeteria, the sandwich bar, the canteen, the Members' bar and restaurant were able to continue running thanks to their endurance and selfless commitment.


Many of them have decades of service with the European institutions, some up to 30 years. It is shameful to abandon them in the midst of this unprecedented economic and social crisis.

We urge you to intervene with Compass Group to protect their jobs. Furthermore, we propose to give serious consideration into the possibility of bringing this service in-house and have the European Parliament employ these workers directly.

Yours sincerely,

  
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