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Via email to:

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Mr. Martin Edobor
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Dear Martin

We have been advised that you are to host and chair a panel tomorrow evening at the Labour Party conference fringe tomorrow entitled ***A year of change: the future of the gig economy*** featuring Uber UK boss Jamie Heywood.

As thousands of Uber drivers get ready for a 24-hour national strike against Uber on Tuesday it is completely inappropriate for this event to go ahead in the current form. We ask that you either remove Mr. Heywood from the panel or cancel the event.

We would remind you, despite our win at the Supreme Court, Uber continues to litigate this case and is currently cheating drivers out of waiting time pay which makes up around 40% of true working time. Uber also continues to unfairly dismiss thousands of drivers by means of robo-firing while denying them any opportunity for appeal.

As if that wasn't reason enough, Uber is seeking declaratory relief in the High Court in an effort to undermine the Supreme Court ruling. Our union is a defendant in this case which will be heard in November.

For all these reasons, we are sure you will agree that Uber must not be allowed a presence at your Labour Party conference fringe events. Given the short time frame, we would appreciate a prompt reply.

Yours Sincerely,

James Farrar
General Secretary

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President