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ASLEF MEMBERS: WHY WE SHOULD VOTE NO TO THIS PAY INSULT!

A SLEF HAS PROMISED US A BALLOT ON LONDON UNDERGROUND'S PAY OFFER, so we have a chance to tell the Society to reject it and fight for a better deal.

Reason 1: The money is crap. In a year when some of our fellow drivers on Central Trains have had a 5% pay rise, and drivers on most other companies at least 2 or 3%, why on earth should we settle for a mere 1.5% - and worse still, 0.5% next year?!

The official figures may be negative, but real inflation, as it affects us, is way more than 1.5%, let alone 0.5%. Our food shopping, heating bills and petrol costs are going up at a much faster rate.

Reason 2: The 'redeployment offer' is crap too. It is **not** a guarantee of an alternative job even for the lucky 25 drivers it applies to. It is merely an offer to help them into the CSA grade, and then only if they meet the requirements. But the majority of medical conditions that make you unfit to drive a train also make you unfit to work on a station! So it's the dole office for you ...

There is no logical reason for the offer to specify that drivers may be redeployed into the CSA grade. What about other grades that may be more suitable?!

LUL already has a policy (known as 'redeployment'!) that assists people into alternative positions if they develop medical problems but does not guarantee them such a position. This 'offer' goes no further than that, and by restricting it to just 25 drivers, is actually a step **backwards**.

Reason 3: If we take a stand, we will win more. With RMT already holding a new ballot, if ASLEF ballots too, LUL management will back down and offer more. They can not afford to see the whole job shut down by no-one turning up to drive their trains!

We may see RMT as rivals, we may bicker with them and get annoyed with them over various things. But winning better pay for drivers is more important than any of that.

The Society's officials may have their own reasons for recommending this



rubbish offer. But it is in the interests of rank-and-file drivers to roundly reject it.

We need to tell them that ASLEF members want our union to fight for the key nuts-and-bolts issues: in the first place, our pay.

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