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Secretary of state for Justice,

We, the DF Movement of Woodcraft Folk, are writing to you out of deep concern and outrage regarding the ongoing hunger strike and continued imprisonment without trial of the Filton 24. We call on you to immediately respond to this shocking violation of the basic human right to a fair trial.

‘The DF Movement’ refers to the autonomous branch of the Woodcraft Folk, entirely self-organised by 16-20 year olds across the UK. As an organisation we believe in peace, equality, cooperation and youth empowerment. As a young persons’ organisation, we know the importance of representing young peoples’ rights and freedom to protest.

The Filton 24 are young activists held in prison as a result of taking action against the Elbit Systems drone factory in Filton, Bristol. The protesters accused are charged with offences under anti-terrorism legislation and have been held on remand without trial for over a year. For some of them, trial dates have been set in 2027. Quesser Zuhrah is 20 years old, Fatema Zainab Rajwani is 21, Zoe Kate Rogers is 22, Finn Collins is 20. **These political prisoners are so young that many are the same age as our fellow DFs.** The eight prisoners held in relation to the action have been refusing food for 45 days and their health is deteriorating. According to her family and friends, Quesser Zuhrah (20) was left for hours on her cell floor and was refused an ambulance even though she suffered worsening chest pains. The activists have been denied medical assistance and the government has refused to meet with the strikers and listen to their demands.

As a young people’s movement, we demand you take the following actions:

- Grant immediate bail to all defendants currently held on extended remand, in recognition of both the excessive duration of pre-trial detention and the acute risks posed by the hunger strike.
- Guarantee humane detention conditions, including unimpeded access to healthcare, correspondence, legal counsel and family visits, particularly for those already hospitalised.
- Reverse the use of counter-terrorism powers to retroactively label detainees actions that occurred before the proscription of Palestine Action.

This is an urgent situation and should be treated accordingly, an extended silence is unforgivable. You have a personal responsibility to protect the lives of the detained individuals, currently they

will die in custody. Their blood will be on your hands.

Signed on behalf of the DF Committee and the wider DF movement,

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