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Dear Dojcin:

On behalf of the 1.3 million members of the American Federation of Teachers, AFL-CIO, I am writing to express our support for your protest. You and your members are taking the lead in an effort to insure that the government of Macedonia lives up to its legal obligations regarding wages for the workers in your country. We know that members of SONK are being joined by many members of other unions, along with students, parents and other concerned citizens. We send to you our hope that your efforts today will succeed in changing the government's policy on wages.

We salute your efforts to demand respect for collective bargaining agreements. This is a fight that must and will be won.

Please tell your members and all the participants in today's protest that the AFT stands with them. We wish you the very best.

In Solidarity,

Edward J. McElroy
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