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To Whom It May Concern:

We are writing to you to express our deep anger about your decision to allow Nick Griffin, leader of the British National Party (BNP), to address a conference at your hotel.

Our unions - Unite the union and the United Steelworkers (USW) - have come together to form the world's first international union, Workers Uniting. The global union represents three million working people from every industrial sector in Britain, Ireland, the USA, Canada and the Caribbean.

We understand that Nick Griffin is due to be the keynote speaker at the "American Renaissance" conference February 19th – 21st. Workers Uniting is appalled that the Westin would allow an individual, whose views are so offensive and abhorrent to many, to hold a public address on its premises.

The USW is a regular client of the Westin and holds many large conferences and meetings at your various facilities throughout the USA.

You should be aware that a court order was made against the BNP after legal proceedings were issued against them on grounds that their membership requirements discriminated on grounds of, amongst other things, race. In 1996 Griffin received a nine-month prison sentence (suspended for two years) after being found guilty of distributing material likely to incite racial hatred. As well as this, Griffin is reported to have referred to the Holocaust as the 'Holofoax'.

We are writing to you to urge you to reconsider your decision to give this individual a platform. If you do not act, you risk reputational damage to your business as well as alienating some of your very loyal and valued customers.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Handwritten signatures of Derek Simpson, Tony Woodley, and Leo W. Gerard.

Regards,

Derek Simpson – Unite
Tony Woodley - Unite
Leo W. Gerard - USW