

PE1801/A

Unite Scotland submission of 6 April 2020

On behalf of Unite Scotland, Pat Rafferty, Unite Scottish Secretary, fully supports petition No. PE1801: Retain powers of economic and industrial intervention lodged by Radical Options for Scotland Europe.

Unite believes it is vital that Scotland is able to retain the power to provide state aid to workplaces threatened with closure. Indeed Unite has campaigned for this outcome to become a legal consideration in the first instance following recognition that a business is in difficulty and may face closure.

Further, Unite policy is in favour of various forms of public ownership - such as the nationalisation of public utilities, municipal ownership of buses etc. - and believes that Scotland's citizens would benefit if these utilities were in public ownership.

Finally, Unite firmly believes that in order to fully support fair work, employers including public sector contractors and sub contractors, should recognise trade unions and bargain workers pay, terms and conditions through collective bargaining.