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Dear ,

Thank you for your email. I am an NHS Charge Nurse and have worked in social care for private and third sector companies in the past, therefore I have a good understanding of the need for key services to be in public hands.

As you say, there is huge public support for bringing our core services back into public ownership and ending the failed privatisation experiment. As a Green Party candidate, I am proud to represent a party that has always stood up for publicly owned, properly funded services.

As part of our 'Green Guarantee' to voters at this election, we are pledging to "Bring energy, water, railways, buses, the Royal Mail and care work back into public ownership to give communities real control of the public services that has been lost over the past 30 years" – so we share the aims of your campaign very closely indeed!

I am very happy to support the We Own It manifesto. I do think it is important to distinguish between community ownership and state ownership, particularly in the case of your argument for 'ownership' of social media – a state-controlled internet is unlikely to be the route to stronger democracy. The case for community ownership of media, on the other hand, is very strong.

The Green Party's elected representatives at national, local and European level have consistently been in the forefront of campaigns to protect and strengthen public services. It was Green MP Caroline Lucas who originally brought both the NHS Reinstatement Bill and the Railways Bill to Parliament, though these initially failed to make progress due to procedural delays, Tory filibustering, and Labour MPs failing to turn out in support. Green candidates and councillors around the country have been active in campaigns to protect local bus services, stop unpopular academy conversions and end privatisation in the NHS.

If I am elected, I will always stand up for public services against the threat of privatisation, and will argue for already-privatised services like the railways to be returned to public hands.

If elected I would fight to keep these issues at the top of the agenda.

Yours Sincerely,



Stuart Tuckwood
Parliamentary candidate for Cambridge