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**John Hannett**  
General Secretary

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Dear Mr Walters

I am writing this letter to show that **Usdaw** fully supports the Backs! 2005 campaign.

**Usdaw** are taking the following action as part of Backs! 2005:

- ***Promoting the campaign to our 9,000 workplace reps through our activists newsletter and on our web site***
- ***Raising safety rep awareness about the tools the Union has developed to help them deal with back pain and MSD***
- ***Encouraging safety reps to work with management to prevent back pain.***

It is anticipated that the above actions will bring about the following improvements in the workplace:

- ***Raise awareness about the risk***
- ***Focus workplace attention on the causes of back pain and MSD***
- ***Help Usdaw safety reps to work with their employers to reduce the risk of injury.***

**Usdaw** are committed to working with the Health & Safety Executive and Local Authorities to help reduce in the long term, the terrific cost to industry and society of back pain and other musculo-skeletal disorders (MSDs) in the workplace.

Yours sincerely



**John Hannett**  
General Secretary

