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Honorable Madam and Sirs,

We are writing to you to support the Department of Philosophy at the University of Hull, that we have been informed is threatened with closure.

The Department of philosophy of the University of Hull is an internationally recognised research institution and the Croatian Society for Analytic Philosophy has benefited from the collaborations with it on several occasions. During the years, several members of the Hull Department have more than once visited Croatia where we worked together. Past and present colleagues from the Hull Department delivered talks on our invitation, participated at our conferences, and held seminars at the graduate program in philosophy. They are: Prof. Paul Gilbert, Prof. Peter Lamarque, Prof. John McMillan, Dr. Steve Burwood, Dr. Stella Gonzalez, and Dr. Søren Overgaard. Similarly, members of our Society have visited the Department of Philosophy in Hull where they presented and discussed results of their research with the colleagues from Hull. Among several occasions of this fruitful collaborations, we would like to mention the conference organised by our Society in Rijeka in 2014, where we presented to the Croatian public and discussed the book *An Introduction to Metaphilosophy* by Overgaard, Burwood, and Gilbert (CUP, 2013). This innovative and internationally successful book summarises well the importance of the philosophical tradition of research conducted in the Department of Hull. The Department of Philosophy in Hull is one of the few institutions in the world that pursues continental philosophy by following the stringent canons of the rigor of analytic tradition. This characteristic makes Hull philosophy department very specific and recognisable literally worldwide. During the years of continuous intellectual and organizational effort, professors Kathleen Lennon, Paul Gilbert and others have profiled this department into a recognizable place on the international philosophical map. In addition to this, the Department of Philosophy of Hull has also an international standing in education due to its undergraduate programmes, specialist MA courses and doctoral programme that has formed several leading scholars in the field of philosophy in the UK, and in the world in general. The closure of this department would be a noticeable loss for philosophy in general, and in particular for the British culture and the image of the British philosophy in the world. It would also represent a loss for the city of Hull. For these reasons, we firmly believe that Philosophy department in Hull deserves support for further activity and development.

Respectfully

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