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TO ALL BRANCHES

Dear Colleague,

CWU STATEMENT ON LABOUR'S BENEFIT CUTS

Branches should note that on the 19th of March, the NEC agreed to a motion condemning the decision of the Labour Government to restrict disability and sickness benefits. The NEC also agreed to release a statement from the CWU on the matter. Please see the statement below from the General Secretary.

"The Government's decision to restrict access to disability benefits and slash the welfare budget is cruel, immoral and once again targets the most vulnerable in society.

This alongside the winter fuel allowance cuts, and the betrayal of the WASPI women shows this Government lacks the courage and vision needed to challenge the gross inequalities and problems that exist in the UK.

The utter failure to table a policy platform that asks the richest in society and those who use the UK as a playground for their billionaire tax dodging ventures to carry a greater burden, shows they have chosen to support elitism over the needs of the working class.

It is becoming increasingly clear Labour will be a one term government if it continues down this path and it is heading straight into a democratic debate within our movement over the relationship between trade unions and the party we created.

The CWU will be calling meetings with both other affiliated trade unions and the Government to campaign for this failed economic strategy and overall direction to be abandoned.

The New Deal for Workers campaign showed the power and influence of our movement when we unite and fight for change - we must do so again."

As noted in the statement, the CWU will be pursuing further action, both with the Government and with other trade unions to pursue a change in direction from the Government. We will also be holding a political forum in the next few months, where branches will be able to discuss the CWU's political strategy, our voting system and the threat of far-right politics in the UK- more information will be shared closer to the time.

If you have any questions, please contact dlynch@cwu.org.

Yours Sincerely,



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General Secretary