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To: All Members (except Northern Ireland)

9th December 2015

Dear Brother/Sister,

TRADE UNION BILL - UNION MEMBERSHIP FEES

As you are aware, despite overwhelming opposition from unions and employers, the Tory Government are pushing ahead with their Trade Union Bill, which will see the end of our ability to collect your union membership fees through deduction at source (check-off).

We are currently carrying out a programme of change to direct debit, and members will, over the coming months, receive a direct debit mandate form to your home address. These are being sent out in a phased process as described below:

Region 12	1 st December 2015
Region 5	15 th December 2015
Region 9	5 th January 2016
Region 1	15 th January 2016
Region 8	1 st February 2015
Region 13	1 st February 2016
Region 4	15 th February 2016
Region 6	1 st March 2016
Region 7	1 st March 2016
Region 3	15 th March 2016
Region 10	31 st March 2016

If members wish to complete a mandate form prior to the scheduled distribution, you can do so by obtaining a form from an official in your region or brigade, or by downloading one from the FBU website www.fbu.org.uk.

When completing the direct debit form, it is important to also complete the check-off cancellation details on the form, which will allow us to ensure a smooth transition for you to direct debit.

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If you have any questions regarding this process, please contact your brigade officials in the first instance.

Your assistance with this programme is vital to its success, and I very much hope you will bring this matter to the attention of all of your colleagues and other union members.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John McGhee', with a stylized, cursive script.

John McGhee
National Officer

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