

# NO MORE LIES

## HANDS OFF OUR PENSIONS

At the end of last year the government charged ahead, laying its unworkable, unaffordable and unfair pension scheme in Parliament. Firefighters have consistently and valiantly fought against these changes from the onset: continuously winning the argument only for government ministers to disregard all the evidence.

After the regulations were laid in Parliament firefighters up and down the country once again campaigned tirelessly to expose the claims of the government.

As a result of this campaign, MPs from a range of parties listened to the reasoned argument that we made. Following this, 284 MPs, from all parties signed EDM 454 – all parties except the Conservatives and UKIP

This forced a parliamentary debate on the matter where the Westminster fire minister promised 'if someone fails a fitness test through no fault of their own and they do not qualify for ill health retirement, they will get a redeployed role or an unreduced pension'. The secretary of state, Eric Pickles, then repeated these claims the next

day at a DCLG committee question and answer session. They gave firefighters and Parliament a guarantee.

Yet fire authorities are now telling us they can't give this guarantee. London Fire Brigade even said that they had told DCLG this 'guarantee' would be unlawful before the parliamentary debate even took place. The fire service national employers have confirmed that – after seeking legal advice – there is no such guarantee.

MPs have subsequently challenged the government in the House of Commons on this. Rather than responding to those points; the fire minister instead attacked us, branding us as 'militants' simply for wanting what we signed up to and what she promised in December.

We need to expose what this government have done to firefighters and show them that we are not going away. We have remained strong and committed throughout this dispute and backed up our position with strong coherent arguments which is more than can be said for the government.

**Join the demonstration and  
send a clear message to the  
government:**

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# RALLY AND PROTEST

Wednesday  
25 February

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**Assemble 12pm  
METHODIST CENTRAL HALL  
STOREYS GATE  
LONDON SW1 9NH  
Rally starts 12.30**

For transport details contact your local rep.  
Bring your banners, bring your flags



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