



HOUSE OF COMMONS  
LONDON SW1A 0AA

All replies to-  
Textile House  
108 Union Street  
Oldham OL1 1DU  
Tel 0161 622 4991

Dr Carolyn Wilkins  
Level 3  
Civic Centre  
West Street  
OL1 1UG

Our Ref: OMM/WILK01005/01160041

15 February 2016

Dear Carolyn,

**Re: Oldham council Resolution – Trade Union Bill**

I am fully in support of this motion.

As the motion rightly states, this bill is the most vicious attack on working people in the last 30 years. The bill will make it far harder for union members to strike and will require a minimum threshold of 50% in ballots for strike action.

In addition to this, this bill could cut Labour party funding by upto £8 million, which would immediately and seriously undermine the party's finances. This will combine with cuts to public funding of opposition parties – known as Short money – to cripple Labour's traditional methods of financing.

The motion rightly notes that organisations such as Amnesty International have condemned the Bill as an attack on the basic right to protest.

As a trade union member, I will continue to speak out against this draconian bill and will do everything within my power as Member of Parliament to oppose it. I have also been encouraging people to get involved with the TUC's 'love unions' week. It is important for us all to celebrate the importance and hard work of unions at this time.

Yours sincerely

Jim McMahon OBE MP  
Member of Parliament for Oldham West & Royton  
House of Commons  
London  
SW1A 0AA

Serving the communities of Chadderton, Oldham and Royton  
[www.jimmcmahon.co.uk](http://www.jimmcmahon.co.uk)