

# ConDem cuts...

Mark Hunter, MP for Cheadle

“ ***This election is a chance for real change for Britain - not change back to the way things were under the Conservatives but real change that works for you.*** ”

Mark Hunter upon the election being called.

**Despite campaigning against the Conservatives before the general election, Mark Hunter, MP for Cheadle, is NOW in government with them.**



The Liberal Democrats betrayed their election pledges of fairness for a share of power. This ConDem coalition has declared war on the public sector. Their plans will devastate the services people rely on and throw innocent, hardworking people onto the dole to pay for a mess the rich and greedy created. What happened to fairness? They haven't even bothered to consider alternatives to cuts.

Mark Hunter has been appointed as a government Whip. Whips are the enforcers of government policy, actively making sure that members of the coalition vote in line with ConDem policy. So Mark helped make sure that Lib Dem MPs voted for a budget which hits the poorest 10% of households around seven times harder than the richest 10%. How can Mark go around parliament making people vote for things which they campaigned against before the election, such as the rise in VAT which hits the poorest the hardest?

Mark described the recent budget as “*tough but fair*”. The VAT rise to 20% hits the poorest the hardest. 600,000 public sector workers will lose their jobs and those that remain will suffer a real terms pay cut. Not only does the budget cut services that the most vulnerable need, it also cuts their benefits. All this while business tax is cut. How can this be fair? Why should hard working public service workers and local communities pay for the recession when the bankers who caused the crisis are still paying themselves million pound bonuses?

Mark was one of the 157 MPs who before the election signed an early day motion calling for a Robin Hood Tax on banks which could raise between £30-£50billion. A bank tax was also a Lib Dem manifesto pledge. The bank tax the ConDems have introduced is a pathetic gesture that raises around £2.5billion. Banks will also benefit from cuts to corporation tax.

“*Liberal Democrats will put thousands more police on the beat...*” said the Lib Dem manifesto. Yet the ConDem coalition has proposed budget cuts which, at the worst, could see a loss of 60,000 policing jobs by 2015, according to a report by a former chief constable. This would see crime soar across the country.

...there *is* an alternative

See overleaf for details on what you can do to speak out against cuts.



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**1** If you work in public services and you are not a member then **join UNISON** online today at [www.unison.org.uk/join](http://www.unison.org.uk/join) or call **0845 355 0845**.

**2** Sign up to the **Million Voices campaign** at [www.million-voices.org](http://www.million-voices.org) and add your voice.

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**3** Contact your MP - **Mark Hunter:**

**Your MP is one of the people voting for these unfair and unnecessary cuts.** If you are unhappy with the ConDem coalition, and believe as UNISON does that there is a fairer alternative, then you should make sure your MP knows about it. You can email or write to them and your MP will also hold regular surgeries in their constituency. You should contact the constituency office to find out when and where the next surgery is. Full contact details for your MP can be found below.

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### Things to remember:

Include your full name and address so they know you live in their constituency. MPs need to know this.

Try to be polite at all times. Don't give them an excuse not to reply.

Points to raise: What do you like about public services? How will cuts affect you? Why do you think cuts are unfair? Why are bankers who caused the crisis are still paying themselves millions in bonuses?

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