

# ConDem cuts...

Tim Farron MP  
Westmorland and Lonsdale



“ **The reality is that David Cameron has a toxic brand... His brand, including that of most of his MPs, are toxic.** ”

Tim Farron on the Tories. BBC Radio, 23 July 2010

**Despite campaigning against the Conservatives before the general election Tim Farron, MP for Westmorland and Lonsdale, 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.

In the run up to the election Tim said, “*Cutting money from policing will not save the taxpayer a penny. It will lead to higher crime levels which will cost us all a lot more.*” Yet it would seem that Tim supports the ConDem coalition cuts which at worst could see 60,000 police staff lose their jobs according to a former police chief.

Tim has been at the forefront of the campaign to save University of Cumbria, Ambleside campus from closure. It's all very well campaigning locally against university closures while at the same time on a national level supporting ConDem plans to slash education budgets. Immediately after the election, the ConDems announced £670million worth of cuts in education followed by the budget which slashed education spending by a further 25%.

In previous years Tim has voted against replacing Trident. The Lib Dem manifesto said, “*We will strive for global nuclear disarmament...*” and yet the ConDem coalition has said, “The Government will be committed to the maintenance of Britain's nuclear deterrent...” The Lib Dem manifesto said that scrapping Trident could save £100billion. Surely this money is better spent on public services rather than weapons of mass destruction.

The ConDems plans for the NHS have received praise by Tim. He claims that, “*Had a system like this been in place at the time.....it is hard to see the Westmorland General losing as many services as it has done.*” The ConDem plans for the NHS will essentially privatise and break up the NHS costing billions and causing chaos. Plans to let GPs manage budgets will lead to profit hungry private companies being brought in to manage budgets.

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



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**3** Contact your MP - **Tim Farron:**

**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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