

# Labour should repeal all the anti-union laws!

**Please add your name to this statement already signed by hundreds of Labour and trade union members including FBU General Secretary Matt Wrack, Shadow Chancellor John McDonnell, and Labour NEC members Claudia Webbe, Ann Henderson and Pete Willsman.**

In August the anti-trade union laws were used to prevent PCS members from striking over pay, overriding the biggest ever strike vote by civil servants. 50,726 voted for action vs only 8,528 against – turnout 42pc, higher than most elections in Britain. The same fate befell the UCU pay ballot in October, on a similar turnout.

These huge votes was achieved despite onerous legal restrictions, and in the case of PCS determined attempts by civil service management to prevent union representatives from exercising their right to organise around, and speak freely about, their pay dispute and strike ballot.

The reality is that strikes are largely illegal in Britain, as result of numerous laws introduced over almost four decades. In line with the unanimous votes at Labour conference in 2015 and 2017, *all* these anti-union laws, from Thatcher’s 1980 Employment Act to Cameron’s 2016 Trade Union Act, must be scrapped, and replaced with positive rights for workers and unions, including a strong right to strike. We call on the party to include this policy in its manifesto.

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