Defend our unions
Kill the Bill

Monday 2 November
Join the mass TUC lobby of Parliament
Assemble 1pm at Westminster Central Hall
Storey’s Gate, London SW1H 9NH

On the same day:
• Protest at 6pm in Parliament Square. Called by the Trade Union Co-ordinating Group
• Organise local protests in your workplace, town or city on 2 November in solidarity with the TUC lobby

Photos: Guy Smallman
The Trade Union Bill is the biggest assault on our right to strike and organise for generations. It will affect every trade unionist, every campaigner and every worker.

The Tories know that it is the trade union movement that is the biggest potential force that stands in the way of their plans for five more years of austerity. We already have the most severe anti-union laws in Western Europe, laws that have stayed on the statute books under the Tories and Labour. But the Trade Union Bill is even more draconian. New ballot thresholds seek to outlaw nearly all national strikes. Pickets will be criminalised with picket organisers forced to give out their name to police, employers and the public – a licence to blacklist activists. There are attacks on union facility time, moves to legalise the use of agency labour to break strikes and further attacks on political funding.

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Unite the Resistance national conference

Fight austerity, Defend our unions

Saturday 14 November, 11am-5pm
Bloomsbury Baptist Church, 235 Shaftesbury Avenue, London WC2H 8EP

Speakers include:
- John McDonnell MP shadow chancellor
- Natalie Bennett Green Party leader
- Candy Udwin victimised PCS National Gallery striker
- Matt Wrack FBU general secretary
- Steve Gillan POA general secretary
- Keith Ewing Institute of Employment Rights president
- John Hendy employment rights barrister
- Ian Hodson BFAWU national president
- Paula Peters DPAC secretary
- Kevin Courtney NUT deputy general secretary

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