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A RESPONSE TO DANNY ALEXANDER MP AND FRANCIS MAUDE MP FROM COVENTRY UNISON.

Last week there were media reports that Chief Secretary to the Treasury, Danny Alexander, will be contacting public sector workers about the pension's dispute. This comes after Unison recorded a massive majority for strike action, with other union's ballot results due to be released soon.

Alexander says that he wants to go directly to union members rather than go through union leaders, who he says are 'hell bent' on industrial action. Unfortunately this shows his ignorance. Any industrial action has to be voted for by the union member. We do not go on strike at the whim of a handful of union leaders, but by the democratic processes of our unions.

If you receive any communication from Danny Alexander on this, **DO NOT REPLY**. He is trying to create division in an attempt to derail our campaign and industrial action.

In another PR gimmick, cabinet office minister Francis Maude suggested union members compromise by staging a "token" walkout lasting 15 minutes. UNISON understands the cost of lost pay to striking members, but this attempt to sway members is lamentable. The government doesn't want you to strike. They want to ignore your complaints and proceed with their pension theft.

Mr Maude also threatened that the government would look at reforming strike legislation, which demonstrates how keen the government is to compromise. The unions will carry on negotiating through the correct channels and structures, but as long as the Government wants us to work longer, pay more and get less, we will fight these changes all of the way.

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