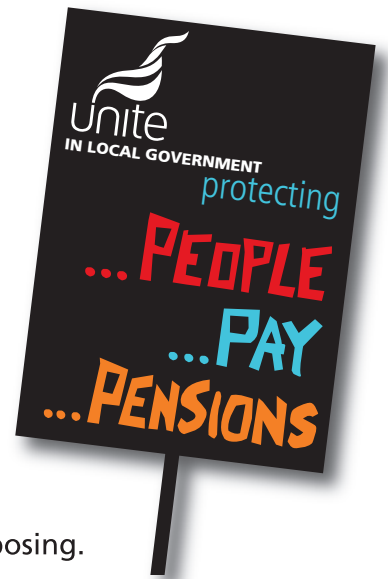


# PETITION TO FIGHT THE CUTS

## DEFEND LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES



Below we have drafted some text that can be used as a template for a local petition against the specific service and job cuts that your local council is proposing.

If you want to make the petition as specific as possible to your local campaign include a sentence after our generic text about what exactly is happening in your local area. Remember to keep it as short and as simple as possible to get as many people as possible to agree to sign your petition.

### **For example,**

*"We the undersigned deplore the cuts your Council is making to vital local services that we all rely on. Stop these damaging cuts. Don't close our Library!"*

### **Or,**

*"We the undersigned deplore the cuts your Council is making to vital local services that we all rely on. Stop these damaging cuts. Don't close our youth services!"*

You can use this template petition to help start a conversation with other Unite members and work colleagues about why Unite is campaigning against cuts to local government, and why they should be part of that campaign.

It can also be used as a way of building support and making links with the local people who will be affected by the cuts in services. For example, get a group of people together to **run a stall in your local town centre where you can** give out leaflets explaining what is happening and ask people to sign your petition against local cuts.

Look at our 'Unite Guide to Campaigning in Local Government' for more ways of involving the public. You can download the Guide.

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