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## **PRESS STATEMENT FROM THE GMB NORTHERN REGION ON THE DEATH OF STUART BELL LABOUR MP FOR MIDDLESBROUGH**

The North East and Cumbria's biggest general trade union has today paid tribute to Sir Stuart Bell, Labour MP for Middlesbrough whose death has been announced.

Sir Stuart was a very long standing GMB Trade Union Member and a Member of the GMB Parliamentary Group of MPs.

Speaking at lunchtime today the GMB Union's Northern Regional Secretary Tom Brennan said:

"Sir Stuart Bell was a very experienced and respected Labour Member of Parliament who was a passionate and tireless advocate for our people. He first went to Parliament when Labour was in the wilderness and through sheer tenacity helped in the process of dragging Labour back to Office.

When once again Labour went into Opposition in 2010 it was the wise counsel of people like Sir Stuart who helped Labour in its hour of need.

He was a very loyal GMB friend of the Northern Region and his contribution to our Members' lives will be missed but never forgotten.

Our thoughts are with Sir Stuart's family at this very sad time."

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