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## UNION SUPPORTS OUTCOME OF TRIDENT VOTE IN PARLIAMENT

Cumbria's biggest general trade union has today welcomed the result of a vote in Parliament yesterday evening on the future of Trident.

The GMB Union was reacting to a SNP and Plaid Cymru motion which proposed getting rid of the nuclear deterrent. The vote against the motion was 364 to 35.

The GMB Northern Region commented that political parties that were taking a line against Trident had to explain to constituents in areas like Barrow and beyond what the future holds for those communities if Trident the UK's nuclear deterrent was scrapped.

Billy Coates GMB Northern Regional Secretary said:

"A study by Keep Our Future Afloat has highlighted that there are communities in virtually every constituency in the country that has a stake in Trident, in terms of skills, jobs and income. The local MP for Barrow, John Woodcock, spoke both passionately and eloquently for Barrow in standing up for his constituents who have been at the forefront of UK defence for many decades. The fact is that skills, jobs and livelihoods are on the line here. Lose those and they are lost forever.

"The responsible thing to do is not just to renew our deterrent but build more subs in an area that has the best submarine building capability not just in the UK but in the world. Fortunately many of our Parliamentarians pragmatically get that. Sadly others such as SNP, Plaid Cymru, Greens and Lib Dems are taking an ideological position against Trident even if as members of NATO they would have to keep a nuclear deterrent."

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