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Dear \_\_\_\_\_ MP,

**I am writing to ask you to sign Early Day Motion 65, entitled PARLIAMENT AND DECISIONS OVER US MISSILE DEFENCE.**

I was very concerned by the manner in which the Defence Secretary Des Browne announced that RAF Menwith Hill is to be included in the US Missile Defence system, in a written answer on the day before the summer recess this year. I am concerned that the decision has been made with no democratic debate, consultation or accountability.

It was welcome that the previous Prime Minister was willing to allow a vote on Trident replacement, however flawed the consultation. I therefore believe that at least the same accountability should be applied to the UK's involvement in US Missile Defence - and that it should not be made by ministers and unelected negotiators behind closed doors.

I believe US Missile Defence is already whipping up tensions in Europe and this is happening in order to fight a supposed threat that does not exist - rogue states with intercontinental ballistic missiles. I do not believe we should allow the government to support another Pentagon project which increases political tension between Europe and Russia, an increasingly important strategic and economic ally, without proper public consultation.

I therefore urge you to sign Early Day Motion 65.

Yours sincerely,