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Dear Comrade,

As you will be aware, Labour Party members will soon have the opportunity to elect their representatives on Labour's National Executive Committee (NEC). I currently hold a seat and am seeking re-election, and I would be grateful if you would ask your members to consider nominating me.

I have been an NEC member since 2016, serving on the committee at a time of great upheaval in the party. I have ensured that the views of ordinary members have been heard throughout this challenging period and I would like to continue that work. My reports are available at [www.darrenwilliams.org.uk](http://www.darrenwilliams.org.uk)

I've been a Party member for nearly 30 years and have been active throughout that period, working for Labour candidates in every election and holding office at all levels from the local branch upwards. I served as Labour Councillor in Cardiff until last year and have a clear understanding of the difficulties councils face due to austerity. I also work for the PCS trade union, which has been at the forefront of the campaign against spending cuts and job losses.

I am a committed socialist and have been a consistent advocate of greater democratic accountability within the party. I was actively involved in Jeremy Corbyn's two leadership campaigns and believe that his approach to the party has been vindicated, particularly during the 2017 General Election. I see the Democracy Review as a huge opportunity for party members to rejuvenate Labour's policy-making processes and structures to make them fit for the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

I am the only person from Wales to have been a CLP representative on the NEC and have tried to ensure that the distinct experience of Welsh members is reflected in Labour's discussions. Labour has governed Wales continuously under devolution and there are positive lessons to be learnt from the authentic, Labour value-driven approach taken to health, education and other devolved policy areas by Welsh Government ministers.

Labour is now more united than we have been for some time, following the spectacular progress made in last year's General Election. It is important that Jeremy Corbyn and his team are given the opportunity to build on what has already been achieved, and, if re-elected, I would continue to support him in those efforts, while always putting the interests of ordinary members first.

I hope that your CLP will give me its support.

Many thanks

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