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A strong voice for grassroots members

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Dear Colleague

I am writing to ask your constituency to consider nominating me for re-election to Labour's National Executive Committee. Since my election in January, I have raised and voted on issues that I know are important to members such as privatisation, democratic selections, and enabling our involvement in the Democracy Review. I want to continue this work, standing up for members' rights and supporting Jeremy Corbyn's progressive leadership for a more inclusive, democratic, election-winning Labour Party.

Supported by the Campaign for Labour Party Democracy and Momentum, I stand for:

- Winning a transformative, democratic socialist Labour government

At the general election, we made progress because Jeremy Corbyn put forward a manifesto that provided a genuine alternative to austerity that works for the many. We need to continue to develop our programme of investment for growth, tackling inequality and poverty, taking action on climate change and providing progressive international leadership for peace. We also need to support our councillors in putting forward similarly progressive plans for local government that can increase Labour's local representation. Like many members, I campaigned for the UK to remain in the European Union, and I support the leadership's prioritisation of an outcome to the negotiations that puts jobs, living standards and the economy first.

- A democratic, campaigning Labour Party

The Democracy Review offers an opportunity to improve how we make policy, to get a wider diversity of members involved in Party activities, and to reinvigorate our local structures. I support reforms that give members more say, which, drawing on our experience in our communities, will help increase support for Labour. I am also concerned about the process which has meant high numbers of supporters excluded from membership. I would like to see improvements in line with the Chakrabarti report for more swift, equitable and transparent procedures that will help us to build an inclusive Party.

About me

I joined the Labour Party at 18 and have been an active member for 23 years, holding a range of positions including CLP Secretary for Mid-Bedfordshire for 10 years and Assistant Secretary of the Campaign for Labour Party Democracy. Living in a rural, traditionally Conservative constituency, I understand the importance of campaigning locally whilst also supporting our local marginals. Working as a University administrator, being a parent and being active in my local community alongside Labour Party activity keeps me grounded. I am a member of UCU and the Co-operative Party.

If re-elected to the NEC, I would continue to be a firm supporter of Jeremy and use my extensive experience to be a strong voice for Party members, contributing to increasing Labour's electoral support. Please also support the other candidates supported by Momentum and the Campaign for Labour Party Democracy, so that the NEC has the best team working with the leadership to win the next general election.

Yours in comradeship,

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