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Dear Friends,

Seeking Nomination for National Policy Forum (Scotland)

This summer, we will be voting to elect Scottish representatives to the National Policy Forum. I am therefore writing to you to seek your constituency's nomination. Below, I have set out some information about me, including which policy areas I am interested in and what you can expect from me. The closing date for nominations is June 2018. I would like to thank you in advance for your consideration of this letter.

About Me

I have been a member of the Labour Party since 2014 and I am Almond Valley CLPs Youth Officer. I grew up in an ex-mining village, where the consequences of poverty and inequality are on my doorstep. I am currently employed as a Communications Officer by Neil Findlay MSP and also have some experience of working on the frontline of our NHS, alongside having a background in the social housing sector. I studied History and Politics at the University of Strathclyde and worked part-time in retail during my studies, so have experienced precarious and exploitative working practices first hand. I am member of Campaign for Socialism and Unite the Union.

Policy

I am ultimately concerned with addressing poverty and inequality in our society which, under the Tories in Westminster and the SNP in Holyrood, is only getting worse. More specifically, I am interested in tackling the housing crisis. In recent times, and within the context of cruel cuts to local authorities, we have seen more people living on our streets, more people in temporary accommodation, more people forced to turn to unregulated and insecure private lets and, after the tragic Grenfell tower fire, it was highlighted that health and safety regulations in social housing are often not enforced or prioritised. I believe that secure, safe and comfortable home is a basic human right and if elected, I would put this at the centre of my work on the NPF.

Accountability

I have been inspired by our Party leadership in both Scotland, under Richard Leonard, and across the UK, under Jeremy Corbyn. I would be absolutely committed to commenting on party policy through the lens of Scottish Labour's message of Real Change. I will endeavour to ensure that members' contributions and ideas are heard at the NPF. I will also update members of my work on the NPF via social media and by providing reports to CLPs if invited to do so.