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Dear Friends

This summer we'll be choosing our representatives on **Labour's National Policy Forum**, and I write to ask for your CLP's nomination for one of the London Region places. The nominations deadline is Friday 22 June.

The NPF and its policy commissions play an influential role in shaping party policy. I'd like to contribute my enthusiasm and experience to that task – strengthening the many worthwhile policies we already have and helping develop new ones, to take Britain forward under a Labour government.

Good policies win elections. Our 2017 manifesto, *For the many not the few* showed that Labour is capable of achieving broad support for a radical agenda – on the economy, jobs, health, education, housing, and more. And there's still room for improvement.

Member input is indispensable if we're to get our policies right. I'm committed to democratising party structures, and I promise to do all I can to ensure the NPF and its policy commissions listen to and accurately reflect the views of members. Sometimes this will mean acknowledging and debating, not burying, differing points of views.

A weakness of the present procedure is that delegates to annual conference must vote on very long NPF reports (88 pages in 2017). I support voting on the report in sections, subject to amendment and with effective reference back of parts of the report.

About me – here's a little of what you might want to know. I first joined the Labour Party aged 18, and have taken on a number of local roles – ward organiser, general committee delegate, political education officer, newsletter editor, etc. A trade union member all my working life, nowadays I'm a member of Unite and one of its delegates to my CLP.

I've campaigned on women's rights and equality issues over many years. I was a policy advisor to British parliamentarians for 15 years, primarily on foreign and security policy. I worked for 6 years as a university lecturer, edited an online academic journal, and published a couple of books and a number of papers and reports. Nowadays I'm an independent researcher, writer and occasional broadcaster on the Middle East, nuclear disarmament and anti-war issues.

Thanks for reading my appeal.

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