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Dear Colleague,

As a longstanding Labour Party member in the West Midlands from a BAME background I'm writing to let you know why I'm standing for Labour's NEC; to tell you who I am and what drives me and to ask for your support and your CLP's nomination.

I've been a Labour member since I was 16 years old. I'm a Trustee and Director of anti-racism/fascism campaign HOPE not Hate, an active school Governor, Secretary of my Unite the Union Branch, a founder and Vice Chair of Sikhs for Labour, a Board member of West Midlands Strategic Police & Crime Board appointed by the Labour PCC, Central Council member of Socialist Health Association and Treasurer of the West Midlands SHA.

My commitment to Labour runs in my blood. My dad was a trade union activist at work in the POEU (now CWU), a Labour Party member and a Labour Councillor for many years. My mum has been a member for over forty years, my wife and our two children are members and are my greatest supporters (and strongest critics!). Previously I was active in student politics in Labour Students; served as a local Councillor; held positions at Branch and CLP; and attended and spoken at regional and national conferences'. **I'm a committed campaigner – I'm Labour through and through!**

The increase in NEC member reps gives an opportunity to improve the diversity and representation of members on Labour's most important decision-making body. I'm standing because:

- There is no doubt there needs to be better representation from our diverse ethnic and faith communities on the NEC. If elected, I would be the first ever Sikh to be elected to Labour's NEC and would do my utmost to represent all minority faith communities and BAME members. It is vital the NEC looks more like the communities we represent and the country we aspire to govern.
- I'm an active part of the Labour and trade union family in the West Midlands. The Labour Party is a national party, yet there's not a single representative from the five regions in the midlands and north of England and there hasn't been a CLP rep from the West Midlands since 1997. We rely on party members across all our regions to form a Government and our member representatives on the NEC should reflect that geographical diversity and not be London-dominated.
- We rely on Labour Party members and supporters as Branch or CLP officers for functioning local parties, campaigning and fundraising. But our members and supporters are often also running the fabric of our local communities, often as volunteers – school Governors, at food banks, youth clubs, community centres, serving on committees, boards and charities, running campaigns to make crucial differences - **the real work of delivering Labour values in our communities**. I will ensure our NEC is focussed on understanding the concerns and delivering for our members and supporters so that Labour is not just a party but a vibrant social movement.

Nominations for the new NEC positions are now open and close on Thursday 16th November 2017. The OMOV ballot will run from Thursday 30th November until 12 noon on 12th January 2018.

I'd love to hear from you and to visit, campaign and speak with members – please do get in touch! My campaign is for better diversity and representation on our NEC. I hope I can rely on your support.

Yours sincerely,

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Campaigning for Better Diversity and Representation on Our NEC