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Dear Secretary

I am writing to ask for your support to stand for the Conference Arrangements Committee and to ask that your Constituency provide me with a supporting nomination. The closing date for nominations is only shortly after the general election – on Wednesday 10th June – which is why I am writing now. The election is by one-member-one-vote and I understand the ballot papers will go to all members early in July (closing date of ballot 29 July). CLPs can make two nominations for the two places.

I am standing because members need a far stronger voice in our Party. Too many CLPs no longer attend Conference because they don't see the point. Yes Conference should be a showcase for our Party and a chance to sell ourselves. But it has to be more than a PR event. There must be more opportunity for debate and members must feel that they can influence policy. CLPs, unions and the affiliated societies should be far more involved in our decision making and Conference must be a place where that happens. One of my aims would be to try and ensure that more ordinary members get to contribute in the main debates.

I was elected as the Labour MP for North Ayrshire and Arran in 2005 and am a member of the Scottish Constituency of Cunningham North CLP. We need to make sure that all parts of the country are represented in our democratic structures.

Before becoming an MP I worked for UNISON so have an understanding of union issues. I am still a member of UNISON as well as the GMB and CWU. I am also a member of the Cooperative Party.

I hope you will consider nominating me.

With very best wishes,

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