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Dear CLP Secretary:

Conference Arrangements Committee election 2015

I am writing to your constituency party to ask whether you would consider nominating me for the position of a constituency party representative on the Labour Party Conference Arrangements Committee. The closing date for nominations is Wednesday 10 June. Every CLP can make 2 nominations and the election is by one-member-one-vote – I am informed that the ballot papers will go to all members early in July (ballot closing date: 29 July).

I joined the Labour Party when I was 16 and first campaigned in the general election of October 1974. In four decades of activity, I've been a CLP secretary and chair, councillor, agent, regional board member, grassroots activist and campaigner but I have the same old Labour values I had as a Labour Party Young Socialist.

It's the members that have kept our party going in good times and bad, even through times when we have felt disappointed and let down, and too many of our core voters have turned away from politics and politicians. And what kept us going were our socialist principles and the belief that only the Labour Party could deliver the socialist policies our communities and our economy desperately need.

Our members and constituency parties deserve a proper say in the party's policies and how it's run. Ed Miliband has done much to rebuild an active and involved party but we must restore our annual conference, the party's sovereign body, to its proper role as the place where trade union and constituency party delegates come together for open comradely debate, to give the party direction and decide policy. That is the way to build unity.

If I am given the privilege of being elected to the CAC, I will fight as I always have for the rights of constituency parties to be heard, for an effective democratic policy-making conference where delegates are participators not spectators. I would report back through the website leftfutures.org (which I edit) and always be available to assist and advise members and to speak to CLPs .

In comradeship,

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