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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 Friday 21 June and the election is by all CLP delegates at the Annual Conference in Brighton.

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. 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 very much hope your CLP is attending Conference but hope you will consider nominating me whether you decide to attend or not.

With very best wishes



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