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Dear colleague,

I am writing to you and your CLP to ask that you consider nominating me for Labour's National Executive Committee.

We have seen a re-awakening in our Party since Jeremy first got onto the leadership ballot in 2015. Our branches and CLPs have become hubs of innovative ideas with members, young and old, new and experienced, driving us forward with a message of hope to a society fed up after seven years of Tory austerity. It is the members who are helping realise Jeremy's radical and socialist vision and it is through their activities in communities, on the streets and in workplaces, that places us on the edge of a momentous and historic victory. If Labour is to win seats like Pendle, Thurrock and Broxtowe as well as re-gain seats like Mansfield, Walsall North and Copeland we need to support our activists in everything they do. I intend to do exactly that if elected onto our NEC. That is why members deserve representatives on the NEC that are committed to empowering them, their branches and CLPs.

I have been a Labour Party member for over five years and a community activist for many more. Manchester is my home and I am proud to call it such. It is in working-class communities like mine that people feel betrayed by a political elite that does not comprehend their daily struggle to make ends meet. It is a struggle I know all too well as a mother who worked hard to become a social worker and later a multi-faith prison chaplain. As an Asian woman, one of the proudest moments of my life was when I was first elected onto Manchester City Council in 2014 after facing down strong challenges from UKIP and the BNP. In the 2015 and 2016 leadership elections, I supported Jeremy Corbyn in his first leadership campaigns because I knew he would give working class and BAME people hope.

Like Jeremy, let us talk of 'we' instead of 'I'. I am proud to be supported by the Centre-Left Grassroots Alliance, which includes the Campaign for Labour Party Democracy, Momentum, and the Labour Representation Committee, and I am standing to be a voice of the members on our Party's governing body so that we can continue the work of transforming our party and with it, our society. Therefore, I am also asking you to support the other Centre-Left Grassroots Alliance candidates, Rachel Garnham and Jon Lansman.

In Unity,  
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