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Dear Colleague,

As a longstanding Labour Party member in the West Midlands from a BAME background I wanted to let you know I'm standing for Labour's NEC and to ask for your support and your CLPs 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, Secretary of my Unite the Union Branch, a founder and Vice Chair of Sikhs for Labour, an active school Governor, 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.

Previously I was active in student politics in Labour Students; served as a local Councillor; held positions at Branch & CLP; and I've attended and spoken at regional and national conferences'. **I'm a committed campaigner – I'm Labour through and through!**

This NEC election gives members an opportunity to improve the diversity and representation of member reps on Labour's most important decision-making body and to cement the 'broad-church' Labour Party that wins elections. 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 elected by members from the midlands 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.
- If we wish to form the next Government then we need to reach out and increase our electoral coalition to build on the success of the 2017 general election. We can only do this by utilising the talents, skills, knowledge, passion and energy of ALL our members. The party has always been bigger than any individual, any faction or any particular ideology. Labour is only successful when we reach out to people we don't necessarily agree with on everything to build a diverse and election winning movement. **I will defend the 'broad-church' traditions of the Labour Party.**

Nominations for the NEC are now open and close on Friday 22nd June 2018 and will be followed by the OMOV ballot. I'd appreciate if you could help ensure your CLP considers my request for nomination.

I'd love to hear from you and to visit, campaign and speak with members – please do get in touch!

Yours sincerely,

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