## new Labour for Britain

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I am writing to you following my decision to stand for the leadership of the Labour Party.

I've enclosed a copy of my speech from the weekend which sets out in more detail some of my views about the future direction of our Party.

I thought long and hard about whether it was right for me to stand - right for our family, right for the Labour Party. I decided it was, because I believe I have the values, passion and ability to connect with people that are necessary to be the next leader of our Party.

I hope that we have the widest possible choice of candidates and a proper debate with all members of the PLP about what lessons we need to learn from the election and how we will go on to win at the next election.

The leadership has not done enough during our years in government to involve and learn from the experiences, ideas and insights of Labour MPs. This will be a central part of my approach in this campaign.

That is why I look forward to the conversation and debate about our Party's future. I hope I will get a chance over the coming weeks to talk to you about my candidacy. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like to talk further.

Best wishes,

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