



# The Fire Brigades Union

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Dear Labour Member of Parliament

We are writing to you on behalf of the Fire Brigades Union (FBU) which represents over 85% of the uniformed staff in the UK Fire Service to urge you to nominate John McDonnell for the Labour leadership.

The FBU feels that John's campaigning record such as defending trade union rights, defending vulnerable workers on low wages, advocating progressive taxation and protecting civil liberties speaks for itself.

As employees of the public sector, we commend his record of standing up for public sector jobs and services. Firefighters are on the front line in receiving the cuts that will no doubt be implemented by the new Con-Lib-Dem coalition Government, as it seeks to reduce the budget deficit. John McDonnell has consistently fought so that public sector workers and people who rely on public services are not made to pay for this economic crisis.

Although our Union is not affiliated to the Labour Party, our members have an interest in the rebuilding of a Labour Party that fights for working people. We recognise the unparalleled work of John in representing the trade union movement and issues of concern to our members within the Labour Party and within parliament. It is important to the whole trade union movement that this leadership election provides for an extensive and open debate about the future of the Labour Party and that policies supported by our members are given a platform.

Therefore, we welcome John McDonnell's candidature in this election and call on all MPs, in particular members of the FBU Parliamentary Group, to nominate John McDonnell and encourage as broad a debate on the issues facing the country as possible.

Yours sincerely

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