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Dear Labour Member of Parliament,

We are writing on behalf of the Bakers Food & Allied Workers Union representing approximately 30000 members at work in the food and allied industries & trades to call upon MPs to nominate John McDonnell MP so that he can participate in the election for the leadership of the Labour Party.

BFAWU recognises the unquestionable and unwavering work that John McDonnell has done for the British trade union movement. We applaud John's long-standing support for workers' rights, a peaceful foreign policy, publicly owned services, progressive taxation, an emergency council housing programme, a living wage, and civil liberties. We also welcome his determination that working people must not be made to pay for a crisis that is not of their making, and his opposition to the Con-Dem cuts agenda that will devastate our communities.

As a union affiliated to the Labour Party, we believe that it is of paramount importance that this leadership election provides for a full, inclusive and open debate. We want the policies that John McDonnell has fought for over many years and are supported by our members to be given a platform in the leadership campaign.

Therefore, we are calling upon all Labour MPs and members of the Bakers Union Parliamentary Group in particular to nominate John McDonnell in the interests of party democracy, regardless of the final candidate they may choose to support.

Best wishes,



Joe Marino

General Secretary, BFAWU



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