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To: CLP Secretaries

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Dear Secretary,

Leadership election (ballot papers being sent out early September)

Party members are considering how to cast their votes in the forthcoming Leadership election. This crucial decision will shape the party for many years to come.

For Labour to go forward and win at future elections we must choose a leader who can learn from the mistakes we made and apply those lessons to the future. Having lost nearly five million votes whilst in government we urgently need to reconnect with our lost supporters. That will be greatly aided by the one thousand new members currently joining our party each week. The Leader we elect needs to rebuild trust in Labour and be able to reinvigorate the party, which requires greater party democracy with members given more influence.

Diane Abbott has broad public appeal, is widely considered to be in touch with the lives of ordinary voters and understands how much the party needs to change so that we can win again.

VOTE	DIANE ABBOTT	1
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Ed Miliband has been nominated by Labour's three largest unions, is also committed to Labour making a break with past mistakes and to giving party members a greater role within the party.

VOTE	ED MILIBAND	2
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Your constituency party may have already made a nomination of a different candidate and this letter may be not be so relevant to you, but if appropriate, would you please circulate the enclosed to party members. This letter and the enclosed can be downloaded from www.grassrootslabour.net.

Yours in comradeship,

Peter Willsman (Secretary)

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