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Candidate Statement

Our Party has a historic opportunity. In an age where political opportunists seem to call the shots, pitting neighbour against neighbour, and where the divide between the haves and have-nots only worsens - Labour should be standing ready, as a beacon defending our democracy, labour, and the future of our country.

But for so many, Labour seems reluctant to take the bull by the horns and cast a new direction for Britain.

It is clear that our party is at a juncture. A movement built on a diversity of thought, its embrace of centre-left ideas and a commitment to empowering working-class people needs political recalibration.

As the Labour candidate in Clacton against Farage at the 2024 General Election, I glimpsed a future I did not want to see. One where grievances were exploited, poverty was embedded, and frustration transpired into distrust.

And with a populist right that is increasingly organised and well monied, our historic opportunity cannot be waited on. It is here. The future is now, and we can be its shapers. Labour's majority legitimises the change so across the country are yearning out for.

Our ideas of public ownership, housing for all, and infrastructural development are popular with the very communities we need to secure a second parliamentary term.

As your representative on the NEC, I will campaign endlessly to see Labour victories in elections at all levels, champion (not just defend) the broad church of the Labour Party, and ensure our party is as democratic as possible to ensure maximum member engagement.

Humbly, we have the opportunity to serve. Now is our chance to steward Britain towards a more effective, equitable and prosperous future.