



## Dear Jeremy,

We write on behalf of all of us in Labour CND to say how much we have valued having a leader of the Labour Party with a deep and sincere commitment to peace, nuclear disarmament and international solidarity, and how appreciative we have been of the shift in the party's foreign policy stance, towards anti-war and conflict resolution, as demonstrated by the 2017 and 2019 general election manifestos.

These policies are amongst the most important ones that mark your term as leader. They were and remain widely popular amongst party members and the electorate. Labour CND is committed to fighting for their retention in the future. As you may know, we have established an online lobby to retain the post you set up in 2016, the Shadow Minister for Peace and Disarmament with a brief to pursue these issues across all policy areas.

It's true to say that no Labour leader has experienced the same degree of unremitting hostility from the mainstream media as you did in your 4 ½ years in office. In our view this stems largely from your real commitment to peace, conflict resolution and nuclear disarmament. If needs must, the establishment will suffer a degree of easing up on the austerity measures which are a hallmark of neo-liberalism, as the Covid 19 crisis shows. What they are not prepared to tolerate is a potential prime minister with a deep commitment to global justice which threatens to undermine today's economic order.

If Walter Wolfgang were alive still, he would be very proud of you indeed. We look forward to working with you again in the months and years to come in the campaign to scrap Trident and for global nuclear disarmament.

Yours in peace,

**Carol Turner and Julie Ward**

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