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I spent a lifetime working in the public sector; almost a decade in a support role with the Police where I was awarded a judges commendation for supporting child victims of sex abuse then on the front line of our amazing NHS for 12 years.

Fighting for the vulnerable and giving a voice to the voiceless is in my DNA and I was proud to serve as a shop steward and Equalities Officer for my union. As a lifelong trade unionist I wanted to give something back- I'll never walk by an injustice.

I was elected as a Councillor in 2012 taking the seat off the Tories then elected as an MP, again taking the seat from the Tories. I loved being a campaigning MP, from taking on WH Smith and their exorbitant hospital shop pricing to forcing Tesco to reduce the prices of their pink razors. My most noteworthy campaign win was when I became the first Parliamentarian in history to have a budget amendment accepted by the Government-the abolition of the tampon tax. I'm about actions not words and I followed this by my campaign on period poverty- this became an international movement, I'll never stop trying to break down barriers and reduce stigma.



In September 2019 I stood up to Boris Johnson in the Commons chamber and called out his divisive and reprehensible language-we cannot afford to have good people afraid to enter politics due to threats of violence. Despite having a majority this Government must never go unchallenged.

I was so proud to be a part of the Tribune Parliamentary group and delighted to have their support. It is their unwavering commitment to social justice that will once again, transform our country addressing the growing inequality evident in everything we do and everywhere we go.



Our half a million strong membership is the heartbeat of our party. I pledge to be fully accountable, whether that be through monthly reports/updates or by visiting CLP's the length and breadth of the UK. Crucially I promise to listen to your views, ensuring the membership has an active voice in the decision making process.

Of course I was devastated to lose my seat in 2019, but I want to use my breadth of experience to help Labour win again. The Labour Party has given so much to me and I will always want to be an active part of its future.