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Your Excellency,

Re: Ms Diane Abbott MP

I am writing this open letter to you on behalf of our organisation Caribbean Labour Solidarity (CLS) regarding information that we have received in respect of Diane Abbott a United Kingdom Member of Parliament. Ms Abbott is also a person of Jamaican descent.

It has been reported in the press, radio, television and on social media here in the UK that Frank Hester, a business person and significant Conservative Party donor, has made remarks about Diane Abbott that are most derogatory to her, women in general and black women in particular. He is quoted as saying: -

"...you just want to hate all black women because she's there..."

It has further been reported that he also remarked, at a 2019 meeting of his company, The Phoenix Partnership, that he wishes for her to be shot. This comment was made subsequent to the assassination of Jo Cox MP for Batley and Spen.

In the light of statements made by others in defence of Hester, namely that he does business in Jamaica and Malaysia, so "... cannot be racist..." This we find difficult to be used as a defence.

We ask you to convey our concern about this person to your government for them to consider whether this person's presence in Jamaica would be conducive to the public good and whether an appropriate entry document should be issued to him.

Should you wish to contact us further about our position on this matter we can be contacted on +44 07401 625 276, +44 7921 816101 or 07598 282 834.

Yours faithfully

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Who are we

President Luke Daniels **General Secretary** Cauline Braithwaite **Secretary** Frank Murray
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