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Dear Colleague

CWU NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2010

I am writing to you to inform you that I am offering myself to the CWU Engineering Membership to serve as one of their representatives at executive level. To this end I am therefore seeking nominations and support from branches for the one of the seats on the National Executive Committee for the Engineering Constituency.

In asking you to give me your support I would like to assure you that I have significant experience at every level of the CWU below executive level and now see that it is time for me to offer that experience to the full membership.

I currently hold and have held a number of senior representative roles at Regional and Branch level and have been an active member of the union for more than 30 years having joined the union in 1974. As such I have practical skills and knowledge developed over many years not only within the political and trade union arena but also inside and outside the workplace.

As the current Branch Secretary of the Birmingham Branch I understand the day-to-day problems faced by our members in dealing with the ever-growing demands placed on them by their employers. I also understand the pressure placed on Union Representatives at all levels by both members and employers. Our membership is becoming more and more diverse as we recruit outside of BT and the challenge this poses us is growing. We cannot continue in the way we have in the past we need to be bold and progressive.

We live in a highly paced changing environment and we need an executive that reacts to those demands and protects our members' interests whilst protecting the union for the future. Sometimes hard and tough decisions have to be taken for the greater good. I do not shirk from that responsibility.

I look forward to your support.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brendan O'Brien', written in a cursive style.

Brendan O'Brien