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To
To the Leader of the New Democratic Party
The Rt. Hon. Jagmeet Singh
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## Dear Jagmeet,

It is with great sorrow that I learned of the passing of Ed Broadbent. Ed was a very influential person not only ensuring that the New Democratic Party became a major political force in Canada, but also in the global Social Democratic and progressive movement.

Together with Willy Brandt, he formed the Socialist International to a recognised international platform, bringing together voices from the global North and South. This made a global progressive dialog in a time of high international tensions possible.

Despite many political setbacks, Ed never lost faith in his beliefs and convictions. He continued to fight for his vision of a fairer and more inclusive Canada and a just international order. Ed's political legacy guides today's Social Democratic and progressive movements.

Kind regards Lars Klingbeil

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