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Dear Ed,

As we have discussed, I have decided to resign from the Shadow Cabinet for personal reasons to do with my family. I have found it difficult to cope with these issues in my private life whilst carrying out an important front bench role.

I am grateful to you for giving me the opportunity to serve as Shadow Chancellor of the Exchequer and for showing me nothing but support and kindness. You are proving to be a formidable Leader of the Labour Party and will take the party from strength to strength in the years to come.

Yours sincerely

Rt Hon Alan Johnson MP