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Dear *Your MP's name*

I am writing to ask for your help to keep refugee families together. As you may know, currently adult refugees in the UK can sponsor only their very closest relatives to join them through refugee family reunion – their partners and minor children. These strict rules don't reflect the reality that families come in all shapes and sizes. They mean that mothers and fathers in the UK are unable to sponsor their adult children to join them; that refugee children in the UK are forced to live apart from their parents; and that refugees are unable to bring elderly relatives to live with them in safety.

I recognise that Friday is an important day for MPs to be in their constituency. However, as a constituent I would like you to make an exception and support the Refugee Family Reunion Bill in Westminster by attending the 2nd reading on 16 March 2018.

The Bill calls for:

- 1) Child refugees in the UK having the right to sponsor their close family so they can rebuild their lives together and help them integrate in their new community
- 2) An expansion of who qualifies as a family so that young people who have turned 18 and elderly parents can live in safety with their families in the UK
- 3) The reintroduction of legal aid so refugees who have lost everything have the support they need to afford and navigate the complicated process of being reunited with their families.

By voting on 16th March to reunite refugee families, you can show true leadership and help refugees rebuild their lives in the UK. These fairer new rules would stop children in the UK having to grow up alone, without their family, young women being stranded in war zones and elderly parents left to fend for themselves.

I am writing to ask you to make sure you're able to attend this important debate and help refugee families be reunited in safety.

Best wishes

Your name