Suggested email about anti-migrant rhetoric

Dear [name of your MP]

I am writing, as your constituent and also as a member of Manchester Amnesty International. Along with over 200 other organisations, Amnesty International UK recently signed an open letter to party leaders (<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2025/aug/11/uk-party-leaders-urged-end-pernicious-currents-racism-hatred-fuelling-anti-migrant-protests>) calling for an end to the hate-filled rhetoric towards refugees currently being used by senior politicians.

[I am also …. *Insert here any personal contacts/connections with asylum-seekers/refugees*]

I believe that strong leadership is needed, not just from political party leaders but from all politicians, to combat this rhetoric. I am deeply dismayed to see how refugees’ traumatic experiences before and during their journey to the UK are being compounded by the current, highly inflammatory anti-migrant language being expressed by politicians of all major parties. This is legitimising, if not actually encouraging, anti-refugee protests across the country. The echoes of last summer’s riots make the protests all the more alarming.

Many of the people targeted have already suffered unimaginably, having fled for their lives from countries such as Afghanistan, Eritrea, Iran, Sudan and Syria.  Now, due to unacceptable delays and a poorly functioning asylum system, they are housed in hotels, a collective target of hostility; banned from working; and with limited control over their lives or futures.  Far from believing they will at last be safe and protected, they are now facing further persecution and fear. Publicity surrounding the recent High Court ruling in favour of Epping Council has already resulted in yet more anti-asylum seeker outpourings in the media as well as unbearably heightening uncertainty for the asylum seekers themselves.

It is clear that major action is needed. It is time for our MPs and politicians to take a strong and united stand.  The pernicious and insidious currents of racism and hatred underlying these protests are glaring evidence of a failing system. The responsibility to end the divisive politics, racist rhetoric and demonising language of the past is yours. Your actions in speaking out against racism and misinformation will help to bring unity instead of division and cohesion rather than hate.

For those who need our compassion to be confronted with further torment here in the UK is shocking.  But the outpouring of support from communities condemning the hatred is a powerful reminder that these views do not represent the vast majority.  I stand solidarity with those targeted and I call upon you to take a public stand against the anti-asylum seeker and anti-refugee rhetoric.

Yours sincerely

[Your name, address and postcode]