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Dear \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ MP,

**Human Rights Act**

Following the recent election, I’d like to congratulate you on your election to serve our the MP for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

As one of your constituents, I’d like to draw your attention to something I feel very passionate about – the Human Rights Act.

The Human Rights Act (HRA) is a piece of national legislation which protects our human rights – effectively a UK Bill of Rights. It incorporates into UK law most of the rights in the European convention on Human Rights, which was created following the Second World War to protect individuals from similar abuses happening again.

In fact, British experts drafted most of the Convention and the UK was the first state to sign up to it in 1951. The HRA requires all public authorities – central government, local councils, courts, schools, anyone responsible for carrying out a ‘public function’ – to think about human rights whenever they make decisions or write policy that affects our lives, and they must respect those rights.

The Act is designed to suit and support the UK democratic system. It is often attacked, rarely championed, and surrounded by myths and misconceptions, but the HRA is a positive piece of legislation for individuals and society generally.

I strongly urge you to take a stand for Human Rights and work to ensure the government keeps the Human Rights Act.

Please take this opportunity to save a vital piece of legislation that protects every one of us.

Yours sincerely,