

Dear all,

Firstly, thank you for your pro-active and passionate emails supporting this campaign and our next steps for the HRA campaign.

We're being told that certain rights will be removed from 'criminals and terrorists'. But taking rights away from anyone undermines your rights too – a fundamental principle of human rights is that they are universal, they apply to all humans.

It cannot be down to the whim of the politicians of the day to say who rights apply to and who they do not.

In order to show the unity and the power of the UK public, we need to send a powerful message to Justice Secretary Michael Gove and demand that he saves the Human Rights Act.

First action

We need your support to [create wider public support for the Human Rights Act](#) and we would like your support in driving more and more signatures to our [online petition](#).

We are asking you and your group to go out in to your community and drive as many signatures to our online form as possible. This is an exercise to raise awareness that our HRA is in danger as well as providing public information on all the reasons it is crucial to keep it.

To help you answer questions, we've updated our [FAQ](#) and provided some further [resources](#) on the website.

Local and national media action

To raise further awareness and discussions regarding the benefits of the HRA, we want to get as much exposure in local and national media as possible. Here's another of our template letters which we'd encourage you to personalise, sign off from your local group chairperson and send to your local newspaper. There is also a resource for any interviews you may be able to arrange. Newspaper adverts in national media will also be driving supporters to the petition as well as a fundraising ask to enable our work to continue.

If you need any contacts for local publications or just want some advice on any press matters, contact harriet.garland@amnesty.org.uk 0207 033 1549.

MP action

We expect the Government to include the repeal of the HRA in the Queen's Speech, 27th May. In the days after the Queens speech MP's will debate the items in Parliament where they discuss the items proposed. We want as many MPs as possible standing up for the HRA at this debate in Parliament.

We are preparing a detailed briefing on the HRA for your MP to use in this debate and we will be asking you to either send them a copy or go along to their surgery and present in person. It would be fantastic if you can get their contact details and research if they will be holding a surgery.

This will be a great opportunity to congratulate them on their victory, set out the work of your local amnesty group and ask them to attend the Parliamentary debate and speak up to save the Act.

Thanks in advance for any work you can do on this.

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