

[Your Address]
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Dear [MP's Name],

I am writing as one of your constituents to ask that you attend the Westminster Hall debate on 7th of September regarding the petition calling on the Government to legislate so that crimes motivated by misogyny are recognised as hate crimes, strengthen laws on online abuse, and provide funding for police training, prosecutor training, and support for survivors.

This petition reflects concerns and daily lived experiences shared by many people about the prevalence of misogyny, particularly its impact on women and girls in public spaces, educational settings, and online. Many young women continue to experience harassment, intimidation, abuse and violence, and there is growing concern about the influence of online communities that promote hatred towards women and seek to radicalise young people.

The petition argues that recognising misogyny as a hate crime would send a clear message that hostility based on sex or gender is unacceptable. It could also improve the recording of offences, help identify patterns of offending, support more effective policing, and reassure victims that their experiences are being taken seriously. Alongside this, investment in training for police and prosecutors, as well as support services for survivors, would help ensure that the criminal justice system responds consistently and effectively.

Currently, hate crime protections apply where offences are motivated by hostility towards characteristics such as race, religion, sexual orientation, disability, or transgender identity. Extending similar recognition to crimes motivated by misogyny would acknowledge that many women experience abuse, harassment, and violence because they are women, and that these offences are often rooted in prejudice and unequal power dynamics. Recognising this in law would not create new offences, but would help ensure that the discriminatory motivation behind existing crimes is properly recognised and recorded.

Although I welcome the Government's commitment to recognising hostility based on sex within aggravated offences. However, this does not go as far as recognising misogyny as a hate crime. Including misogyny within the hate crime framework would provide clearer recognition that gender-based hostility is a form of prejudice, improve the recording and understanding of these offences, and help ensure that women's experiences of abuse and harassment are properly acknowledged and addressed.

Some key facts on why you should support:

- Violence against women and girls makes up just [under 20% of all reported crime in England and Wales](#)

- [73% of Gen Z social media users have witnessed misogynistic content](#) online with half encountering it on a weekly basis
- Of all female homicides, [40% are killed by gendered violence](#), which means sexual violence, domestic violence, honour killing, etc
- [31% of Gen Z men agree that a wife should always obey her husband](#) and one third (33%) say a husband should have the final word on important decisions
- In 2024, police chiefs declared [VAWG a national emergency](#)

I would therefore be grateful if you could attend the debate on 7th of September. If you feel able, I also hope you will speak during the debate and explain how you believe Parliament should respond to the growing problem of misogyny, violence against women and girls, and online radicalisation.

As my elected representative, I believe your presence at this debate would demonstrate your commitment to addressing these issues and listening to the concerns of your constituents.

I would appreciate it if you could let me know whether you intend to attend the debate and what your position is on the petition.

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter. I look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely,

[Your Name]