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Dear [MP's Name],

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to express my deep concern about the ongoing impunity for human rights abuses committed during Sri Lanka's civil war. As you may be aware, there is mounting evidence of war crimes and other serious violations of international law carried out by senior Sri Lankan military officials, including Shavendra Silva, the current Commander of the Sri Lankan Army, Kamal Gunaratne, Sri Lanka's Defence Secretary, and Pillayan (Sivanesathurai Chandrakanthan).

These individuals have been accused of involvement in war crimes and crimes against humanity, including extrajudicial killings, enforced disappearances, and the targeting of hospitals and other civilian infrastructure. The United Nations and various international human rights organisations have called for accountability for these crimes. Shavendra Silva has already been sanctioned by the United States under the Global Magnitsky Act for his involvement in these atrocities, yet he and other perpetrators continue to enjoy impunity, both in Sri Lanka and internationally. Canada has sanctioned four credibly accused war criminals, including the former presidents, brothers Gotabaya and Mahinda Rajapakse.

I urge you, as a member of the UK Parliament, to support calls for the UK to impose targeted Magnitsky sanctions on Sri Lankan officials who are complicit in these abuses. Such sanctions would include asset freezes, travel bans, and other restrictions, isolating those responsible for these crimes from international financial systems and limiting their mobility. This is a vital step in holding perpetrators accountable and sending a clear message that the UK will not tolerate such violations of human rights. The UK should be demonstrating its commitment to justice and leadership on human rights, and the rule of law, encouraging other nations to follow suit.

I would appreciate your attention to this matter and your support in urging the UK government to take immediate action. Please let me know if you would be willing to raise this issue in Parliament or take any other steps to advocate for justice for the victims of Sri Lanka's civil war.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Yours sincerely,
[Your Name]