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[Name of MP]
House of Commons
London
SW1A 0AA

[Your address and contact details. Your MP needs to know that you live in their constituency]

[Date]

Dear [name of MP],

Re: Resolving Lords' amendments 6 and 11 to the Nationality and Borders Bill

MPs will vote on Lords' Amendments to the Nationality and Borders Bill on 20 April after the House of Lords insisted on key reforms that were previously rejected by MPs, are looked at again.

Frustration with the government's approach on the bill was [summed up](#) by conservative peer, Lord Cormack who criticised the way in which MPs "dismissed amendments that had been carefully argued and, in many cases, passed by large majorities". Ministers refusing to engage properly with the key reforms also saw an unusually high number of amendments (12) voted back to the Commons.

We want to see unnecessarily cruel measures scrapped from the bill and a much more compassionate, effective and fair system which is why we're asking you as your constituents to vote to accept two amendments and to speak out strongly in support.

1. Amendment 6 which permits the differentiation of refugees on condition the rights and entitlements of all refugees entering the UK are untouched. This ensures Clause 11 does not breach the UN Convention for Refugees which is guaranteed without this amendment.
2. Conservative-led Amendment 11 which calls on the Home Office to [publish how many refugees it will resettle each year](#). The reform was softened by dropping a target figure of 10,000 refugee places in order to address

objections of Ministers that “what is really needed to deliver refugee resettlement is not a number but an approach”. It is the sole Conservative effort to enhance safe routes in the bill and can contribute to addressing dangerous journeys being taken across the Channel.

You can find out more about why these amendments are needed in our briefing [here](#). We’re deeply concerned about the barriers to Ukrainians getting to the UK and the level of support once they arrive. At the same time, Syrian refugees are still in need of safety while thousands of Afghan refugees remain trapped in temporary hotels.

Against this backdrop, there is a real fear the bill will erode refugee rights that are enshrined in the UN Refugee Convention at a time when they are needed more than ever, without providing much needed new, safe routes for refugees to get to the UK on the other. Our two priorities would help address these gaps.

How can you support us?

We are asking you to urgently consider several requests as our parliamentary representative.

- Would you reach out to the Home Secretary and Home Office Ministers to seek their views on the possibility of resolving Amendment 11 and what other assurances they could offer before the bill returns to the House of Commons on 20th April? Finding a solution here could greatly help smoothen the path for the House of Lords to accept the bill.
- Would you speak and vote in support Amendment 6 and 11 when the bill is debated in the Commons and be willing to draw on our briefing in your speech?
- Would you let us know your own views on the bill and the issues we raise above - and reflect our deep concerns about the bill by speaking out locally, in Parliament, within your party and on social media?

Many thanks for your time in considering our concerns.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

[Your name, and group you are representing if relevant]

