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3. **Let us know if you have engaged with your MP.** Please email [UKSAYSNOMORE@hestia.org](mailto:UKSAYSNOMORE@hestia.org) to let us know if you have written to your MP. We are keen to hear from you.

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Dear **[INSERT NAME OF YOUR MP]**

**Re: Domestic Abuse Bill**

On the 16th of July, the Domestic Abuse Bill was introduced to Parliament with a first reading to the House of Commons, following initial consultations with stakeholders and charities. In discussion with survivors and partners, UK SAYS NO MORE submitted evidence to the Home Affairs Committee and the Joint Committee on the Draft Domestic Abuse Bill.

As your constituent, I am writing to ask for your commitment in ensuring that the forthcoming legislation delivers a real transformation in the response to domestic abuse. I join UK SAYS NO MORE in the hope that you will push for the following demands to ensure that the Domestic Abuse Bill lives up to its landmark potential.

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1. In May 2018, UK SAYS NO MORE released its Charter on Prevention in response to the draft Domestic Abuse Bill. According the Charter, more must be done to address the specific needs of children to enable them to access the vital support they need in order to reduce the long-term impacts and break the cycle of abuse. The Bill must therefore ensure:

* Children have priority access to school places within 20 days
* Children in refuges, and those who have moved due to domestic abuse, must have their place on the NHS waiting list protected
* Adequate support is in place for children living in the community

1. The Government’s proposal to review the statutory response to migrant victims of domestic abuse is welcomed. In this review, it must be ensured that there is equal access to specialist support services and accommodation, such as a women’s refuge. In particular, we would like to see the destitute domestic violence concession (DDVC) expanded to enable all victims of domestic abuse access to economic independence and sustainability.
2. Domestic Abuse is everyone’s business. The Bill must therefore include the expansion of employer’s ‘duty of care’. This would ensure that companies and organisations take up their responsibilities to respond to domestic abuse.

As my local MP, I trust that you will take forward my concerns as a constituent to ensure the effective protection and support for victims of domestic abuse.

If you require further information, or have any questions, please contact the UK SAYS NO MORE team at [UKSAYSNOMORE@hestia.org](mailto:UKSAYSNOMORE@hestia.org) **[Include own details]**

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter. I eagerly await your response.

Yours Sincerely,

[YOUR NAME]