Dear [MP name]

I am writing to you as one of your constituents to express my concern about the implications of the Government’s Illegal Migration Bill.

The Bill, as it stands is unjust and unworkable, and I urge you to reconsider the impact it will have, not only on those who are seeking refuge, but on the reputation of the UK around the world.

Outlawing people from accessing asylum in the UK where they have not arrived through state-endorsed routes, this Bill would act as a ban on asylum, punishing people when it should be protecting them.

The Bill as it stands would:

Make those who arrive in the UK in small boats automatically ‘inadmissible’ to the UK asylum system;

Dramatically increase the number of people in detention and facing deportation;

Ignore and infringe certain human rights, modern slavery and protection claims;

Break the UK commitment to the UN Refugee Convention and ECHR.

For most people seeking safety, there are no safe and legal routes to the UK. Instead, they must travel over land and sea to reach UK shores. A majority submit successful asylum applications. This legislation as it is proposed would outlaw them from claiming asylum here, making them inadmissible to the UK asylum system and putting them at risk of detention and deportation.

Britian has a long history of providing protection to people seeking sanctuary. If the Bill is passed without further amendments, it will likely lead to the mass demonisation, detention, and deportation of people who are fleeing war, persecution, and torture.

I urge you to use whatever influence and power you might have to persuade the Government to reconsider the Bill. As the Archbishop of Canterbury has said, in its current form it “fails to live up to our history, our moral responsibility and our political and international interests.

I await your reply.

Yours sincerely,

[Your Name]