

**[Template letter to your Constituency MP]**

**[Name and Address of MP]**

**[Your address]**

**Date:**

Dear [Rt. Hon. **Name of MP**],

**Subject: Migrant victims of abuse and the right to access services and public funds under the Victims and Prisoners Bill**

I am writing to you as the Victims and Prisoners Bill is now at the report stage. The Bill, which seeks to improve victims' experiences through better access to justice and protection, has long been promised to victims of crime and organisations supporting them. Southall Black Sisters (SBS) has been successful in securing the support of Sarah Champion MP to introduce an amendment to the Bill that recognises a legal right to access vital services to support migrant victims of domestic abuse with No Recourse to Public Funds (NRPF).

**As it comes up for debate and a possible vote during the report stage, I urge you to vote and argue favourably for the amendment to ensure legal right for all victims of domestic abuse to access services and public funds regardless of their immigration status. In the meantime, please ask the Public Bill Office to add your name to New Clause 8 of the Victims and Prisoners Bill, as tabled by Sarah Champion MP.**

Your support and vote for this amendment will guarantee migrant victims the legal right to access benefits, local authority housing and other services. This means that victims can enter a women's refuge with their children to escape abuse, thereby ensuring that a Bill which seeks to be transformative does not leave some of the most vulnerable behind.

**Additionally, I ask you to meet SBS and its campaign partners to discuss in detail proposals to enhance systems of protection for women facing domestic abuse with an insecure immigration status and NRPF.**

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Yours sincerely,

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