**Template text for 8 June MP email or handwritten letter**

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| **Instructions:** *Thank you for taking action to contact your MP! Below we have provided are suggestions for what to include.* *MPs are much more likely to respond to personal stories and the opinions of their constituents so if you feel able to, please add your own story or thoughts before sending it to your MP. We have provided guidance and ideas for personalisation in the sections highlighted in yellow below. Don't forget to delete these instructions!* *You can find your MP’s email address and postal address on the* [*Parliament website*](http://www.parliament.uk/mps-lords-and-offices/mps/) *by typing their name or your postcode.****Let us know what they say by emailing us here:*** ***info@icchange.co.uk*** |

Dear [MP NAME],

I am writing as your constituent to ask you to play your part in tackling violence against women and girls by attending a [**Parliamentary Photocall**](http://www.icchange.co.uk/8JunePhotocall) **on 8 June** to call on the Government to ratify [the Istanbul Convention](https://icchange.co.uk/istanbul-convention) without reservations. It is the gold standard national approach to tackling violence against all women.

The Photocall, hosted by Gavin Newlands MP, Jessica Phillips MP, and Wera Hobhouse MP, will take place on **8 June 2022, 12.30 - 2.00pm, at Room R, Portcullis House.** You can drop in at any point to have your photo taken to show your support.

[Violence against women and girls is devastatingly high across the UK](https://www.endviolenceagainstwomen.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/EVAW-snapshot-report-FINAL-020322.pdf). But there is a solution. The Istanbul Convention provides the most comprehensive survivor-centred roadmap we have for addressing violence against women and girls.

After 10 years, the Government has announced they will ratify the Istanbul Convention - but with some reservations, meaning not all women will be protected.

**Migrant survivors in particular will be denied life-saving support and protection.**

The power of the Convention lies in the fact it offers all women and girls protection without discrimination. **I am urging you to ensure our Government adopts all elements of the Convention and protects all women.**

I believe that ratifying the Istanbul Convention without any exceptions is essential because…

*[Share your reasons for why it matters to you here. If it helps, you can find out more about the Istanbul Convention and the difference it would make on* [*our website*](http://www.icchange.co.uk) *and* [*here*](https://www.coe.int/en/web/istanbul-convention/key-facts)*].*

**Every day the Convention is not ratified in full is another day that women and girls are put at risk.**

**As your constituent, I’m asking you to join me in helping to tackle violence against women and girls in our community, and across the UK. Please will you attend the** [**Parliamentary Photocall**](http://www.icchange.co.uk/8JunePhotocall) **and represent our constituency on 8 June?**

I’d be really grateful if you could let me know if you are able to attend and show your support.

Yours sincerely,

Name and Postcode: *[Make sure you add your postcode so your MP knows you are a constituent]*