**Re: Afghanistan and the Nationality and Borders Bill**

Dear [name of MP],

I am writing to you as a constituent to **ask that you take a stand for the Afghan people who have been suddenly and violently displaced from their homes.** I welcome the Government's announcement that it will resettle up to 20,000 Afghan refugees. However, we can and should do more.

The situation in Afghanistan is a stark reminder that all too often people don’t choose to leave their homes. They are forced to flee, taking no more than they can carry, running towards safety, wherever they might find it. If other countries shut their borders, there would be nowhere for desperate people to go.

This is what the UK Government is proposing to do with the Nationality and Borders Bill, which is returning to Parliament this autumn. This anti-refugee Bill aims to criminalise people travelling via so-called 'irregular’ routes — often the only routes available to people forced to flee for their lives, like many of those desperately seeking safety from Afghanistan.

I am asking that you speak out in Parliament and in public on my behalf, calling for:

* **A long-term commitment to a global resettlement scheme with an ambitious target** that can adapt and respond to crises that unfold around the globe;
* **Country guidance for Afghanistan**, which guides Home Office decision-making on asylum applications, **to be updated** to reflect the new context;
* **Rapid resolution of pending Afghan asylum claims** **and rapid review of Afghan asylum appeals**, so that people are able to start rebuilding their lives in the UK;
* **Family reunion rules to be reviewed** to allow for a broader range of family members to join those from Afghanistan who have settled in the UK.

Finally, and crucially, **the Nationality and Borders Bill, which will make it even harder for those fleeing oppression to seek safety, must be thrown out**. In a few months’ time, some Afghan refugees will reach the UK after a perilous journey because of a lack of safe routes to get here. Under this Bill, they will be criminalised, their claims treated as inadmissible, and threatened with deportation.

We have a proud record of helping those fleeing persecution, oppression or tyranny from around the world. Now, we need to step up once more by providing urgent protection to Afghans fleeing for their lives and by crapping the Nationality and Borders Bill.

I would be grateful for the opportunity to meet with you to discuss this in more detail.

Yours sincerely,

[Your name]