[Name of your MP]

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Date

Dear [name of your MP]

I am writing to ask you to sign a pledge to support the rights of refugee and migrant women to safety, dignity and liberty.

2018 is the centenary of women’s suffrage in the UK. However, the voices of refugee and migrant women too often go unheard, despite the injustices and challenges they face in their daily lives.

Refugee and migrant women who have experienced or are at risk of violence are often fearful of reporting this, including because immigration action might be taken against them, and they also find it difficult to access specialist support – so they do not have the safety they need.

Migrant women also find it hard to access healthcare, education and employment, and many women who claim asylum in the UK end up living destitute, at risk of exploitation and homelessness – so they do not have the dignity they deserve.

And each year over 4,000 asylum-seeking and migrant women are locked up, completely unnecessarily, in immigration detention – so they are deprived of their liberty.

On 8th March, International Women’s Day, there was a mass lobby of Parliament, where refugee and migrant women, along with supporters and allies, asked Parliamentarians to listen to their voices and support their rights to safety, dignity, and liberty.

I am asking you, as my local MP, to meet with me to take a photo with the #AllWomenCount pledge, which says: “I pledge to listen to refugee and migrant women and support their rights to safety, dignity and liberty."

There are some key opportunities coming up in Parliament this year, including the Domestic Violence and Abuse Bill and the Immigration Bill. Please keep the particular challenges that refugee and migrant women face in mind as you vote.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Best wishes,

[Your name]