**[MP full name]** MP

By email: **[their email address]**

**[DATE]**

Dear **[first name]**

**Re: Rt Hon Liz Truss MP apparent plans to restrict healthcare for young transgender people**

I hope this letter finds you safe and well.

I am writing to ask you to represent me and others in your constituency by engaging with the Minister for Women and Equalities Liz Truss MP and ask her to confirm that she is not planning to restrict healthcare for young transgender people or trans people’s access to public facilities.

On Wednesday 22 April 2020, Liz Truss MP said that a priority of the Government Equalities Office (GEO) would be make sure, ‘*that the under 18s are protected from decisions that they could make, that are irreversible in future*’.

Trans and gender diverse young people already face huge waiting times to access support services and the care they need. If the government were to make transgender healthcare inaccessible on the basis of someone’s age, it would cause harm to a very vulnerable group of people.

Imposing a blanket ban on accessing healthcare with a focus on a minority group is worrying and contradicts what the Government Equalities Office is there to do. Such a decision would impose a roll-back of rights for trans young people and I ask that you represent me to help ensure this does not happen. The GEO should promote equality for trans young people, not inequality.

Liz Truss MP’s comments also seem to reflect a lack of understanding around the medical pathway for trans young people. Can you also help me therefore by asking Liz Truss MP to ensure she speaks to trans healthcare experts and child rights experts before making a decision? One **[organisation/person]** I would recommend is: **[Name of organisation / person and contact email]**

Finally, Liz Truss MP also said, “*First of all, the protection of single-sex spaces, which is extremely important*.” I am concerned that this suggests that transgender women and girls might be made less welcome in public facilities. Please can I ask that you use your voice to ensure Liz Truss MP did not mean she plans to exclude trans women and girls from spaces that align with their gender?

**[[This is important to me because …\* insert your comments\*]]**

As my **[MSP/MP]**, I hope you are committed to ensuring that our healthcare system supports all children, including those who are transgender and non-binary.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

**(Your name)**

**[Your contact details]**