

TEMPLATE LETTER: SUPPORT THE PRAYER FOR JUSTICE

Dear XXX,

I am your constituent and a member of Young Legal Aid Lawyers (YLAL). I am asking you to support the [Official Opposition's fatal motion](#) (EDM 559) to a Statutory Instrument that would severely restrict access to justice for asylum seekers and migrants.

The [Statutory Instrument](#) would make legally aided asylum and immigration work financially unviable and harm access to justice. The legal aid sector is at breaking point. Research by Refugee Action shows that there has been a 56% drop in the number of asylum and immigration legal aid providers since 2005.

Under the new legal aid rules, asylum and immigration lawyers will be unable to take on complex cases that demand more time, for people with complicated histories and vulnerabilities. This includes the most marginalised groups such as victims of trafficking.

YLAL has produced a detailed briefing about why the proposed changes would harm access to justice [here](#).

We are asking you to support the fatal motion to strike down the new statutory instrument and encourage the Lord Chancellor and Legal Aid Minister to pay legal aid lawyers a fair wage for the work they do. This is about ensuring access to justice for the most disadvantaged in society.

Kind regards,

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