

## **Template Letter to Your Local MP**

*Any text in bold and/or brackets means you either need to include your information or choose one of the options we have inputted for you. Once complete, delete these instructions and any options you're not using, to ensure the letter is relevant and professional.*

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Dear **(Luke Pollard/Johnny Mercer/Sir Gary Streeter)**,

My name is **(Full Name)** and I am a **(Foundation Diploma/ BA(Hons)/ MA/ MfA + Course Title)** student at Plymouth College of Art.

I am writing to you to express my concern as a student renting accommodation in your constituency. Currently, my term time address is **(property name/ street address) (which is managed by (accommodation agency name))**, however **(I cannot legally return, therefore I am paying for accommodation I cannot access) AND/OR (I can barely afford my rent due to losing my job/ extra caring responsibilities/ raised utilities due to studying from home)**.

**Try to include some details of your current situation, for example:**

- **Any financial difficulties you are having paying the rent, e.g. losing your job, caring responsibilities, etc.**
- **If you have signed a tenancy contract for this or next academic year despite not currently living there**
- **Any issues you have had with your landlord/ accommodation provider/ agency during the Coronavirus pandemic, including if you have or haven't had communications with your landlord/ accommodation provider/ agency**
- **Anything else you feel is relevant**

**Also try to include some details of what you'd like the MP to do, for example:**

- **Raise your case in parliament after recess**
- **Write to your accommodation provider, agency or landlord regarding your circumstances**
- **Lobby for policy change that will support yourself and other student renters in the same position as you**
- **Show support for any national student rent campaigns, such as the NUS #StudentsDeserveBetter or #SaveStudentRenters campaign**
- **Anything else you feel is relevant**

I understand that this is a particularly difficult time for many of your constituents and I would greatly appreciate any support or advice you are able to offer me and other constituents in similar situations.

Thank you for listening to myself and other students, in open forums and through communications such as these. If there is any more information that would be helpful at this time, please do let me know.

Yours sincerely,

**(Full Name)**

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