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Dear [your MPs name],

**RE: Good Lives: Making Change Together**

My name is [insert you name] [very briefly introduce yourself].

I am writing to you to seek your support for the [Good Lives Manifesto](https://www.learningdisabilityengland.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/Good_Lives_Manifesto-May-2024-1.pdf), a national call to action to help people with learning disabilities to live good lives.

There are 1.5 million people in the UK with a learning disability, who face significant inequalities. People with learning disabilities are dying on average 15-20 years earlier than the general population, and approximately half of all deaths deemed to be avoidable. Tackling these inequalities needs to be a priority for this new government.

It has been more than 20 years since ‘Valuing People – A New Strategy for Learning Disability in the 21st Century’, was published. It is the most recent comprehensive national policy for people with learning disabilities in England. Whilst much of the strategy still applies, a great deal has also changed. We believe it is time to update policy for people with learning disabilities to make it fit for the 2020s.

I support Good Lives, the manifesto with actions for this Government and wider [‘Building Change Together’ framework](https://www.learningdisabilityengland.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/The_Good_Lives_Framework-9.3.22.pdf) that created a vision and call to action produced by over 450 people with learning disabilities, families, and organisations working together. Good Lives sets out priorities for this new government to focus on including championing peoples rights, reforming social care and improving peoples access to health services and housing.

We are looking to build ‘Good Lives’ as a movement for change as more people pledge their support. I hope you will be one of those people.

I would like your support in taking action towards supporting people with learning disabilities to live good lives. This is very important to me because… [write a few sentences to tell the MP why this is important to you. You might tell them about a local issue]

There are two things I would like your support with:

Firstly, I would like to you write to the Prime Minister, reminding him of is manifesto commitment to “championing the rights of disabled people and to the principle of working with them, so that their views and voices will be at the heart of all we do” and encourage him to appoint a Minister for Disabled People. A dedicated minister is essential achieve both the governments manifesto commitment and the vision set out in Good Lives.

Secondly, I would like to like to meet with you to tell you more about our ideas for Good Lives for people with learning disabilities and to ask for your support in taking action towards it. Could you tell me when your next surgery is?

I look forward to hearing from you.

Many thanks

[inset your name here]