

INSTRUCTIONS:

★ Copy + Paste the below text to an email addressed to your local MP (find yours [here](#)), and don't forget to alter the [**BRACKETED**] text.

★ Make sure to read the whole text – be sure you're happy to sign off on what's written and that it accurately applies to you, and remember to edit all the [**BRACKETED**] text before you send. Feel free to alter any aspect if you see fit, this is merely a template to use as you wish.

★ Make sure to sign off with your full name and halls address (choose the one that falls in the constituency of the MP if you are at a different/home address).

★ **LINK TO LSESU PETITION:**

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeUzH23fN2cOP_IBE6fZtaQsSvsCxBBKjGZ077vhALjP0QJw/viewform?mc_cid=7f9bccf6d2&mc_eid=f2906a80aa

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SUBJECT LINE: Urgent – please support students at [**YOUR HALL PROVIDER AND LOCATION**, eg. Urbanest, Westminster]

Dear [**NAME OF YOUR MP**],

My name is [**YOUR NAME**], I'm a [**YEAR AND COURSE**, eg. 'second-year law'] student at LSE, and I'm writing to you to ask for your support in our effort to gain fair treatment, as student tenants, from [**YOUR HALL PROVIDER**].

Since the government's implementation of the national lockdown in January this year, many students find themselves in the unsustainable situation of having to pay rent in accommodation they are a) unable to utilise due to the lockdown restrictions and b) have no need for since the university decision to move all learning remotely for the remainder of the 20/21 academic year.

[**YOUR HALL PROVIDER**] are refusing to allow us out of our contracts or to acknowledge the financial precarity we face as students by reducing rent. At a time when we are struggling to make ends meet, these providers are profiting from rooms that lie empty, unable to be used. In light of this injustice, many MPs have taken on the cases of their student constituents including Sir Keir Starmer with Urbanest Kings Cross and Florence Eshalomi MP with Urbanest Westminster.

It is in this context that we ask for your help as our MP. Specifically, we would like to ask you to take this on as constituency casework, to write to [**YOUR HALL PROVIDER**] asking for blanket COVID-19 policies that allow contract flexibility and to raise the plight of students in private accommodation in your capacity as MP.

I hope you take this into your consideration and I look forward to your response.

Kind regards,

[**YOUR NAME**]
[**CONSTITUENCY ADDRESS**]