## TEMPLATE LETTER

Remember to personalise your letter, personalising is important so that MPs don't ignore it. Share your experience about how the Supreme Court Ruling and EHRC guidance has affected you. It can be helpful for real stories to bring understanding, your MP can also tell your story in parliament.

You can check who is your MP and find their contact details here: <a href="https://members.parliament.uk/FindYourMP">https://members.parliament.uk/FindYourMP</a>

This letter is an edited version from Trans Solidarity Alliance: https://www.transsolidarityalliance.com/ehrc-code

Re: Parliamentary Scrutiny Needed for Updated EHRC Code of Practice

Dear [MP NAME]

The EHRC in the last four years have consistently been extremely hostile to the rights of trans women. Their guidance suggests that trans people will be barred from using single-sex facilities in line with their identity and presentation, regardless of whether they have a Gender Recognition Certificate.

I'm writing to you as I am concerned about the EHRC's updated Code of Practice which I understand will not be possible for you as an MP or me as a member of the public to see until it has already been given ministerial approval. Before their Code of Conduct becomes statutory, I believe it should be scrutinised by politicians and experts.

The draft Code of Practice presents a devastating future for the lives of trans+ people, and others, in the UK. I am concerned because <insert your thoughts here> . I am compelled to stand up for justice and equality, as a Christian I see the value of every human being, and celebrate the life that every trans person offers to our church and our world. My churches are places of safety, and I believe this future guidance will limit the safe spaces available to the LGBTQ+ communities.

The draft Code of Practice released by the EHRC created a logistical, financial and legal minefield for organisations, businesses and public services. This is detailed by Trans+ Solidarity Alliance here:

https://www.transsolidarityalliance.com/\_files/ugd/bcf2fc\_1cba91b6f4854d62a801cafced8 512f7.pdf

With over 50,000 responses to the EHRC's consultation on this and with the rights of a whole community on the line I think it's important for you as my elected MP to stand up for human rights, parliamentary scrutiny, democracy and accountability. I would urge you to:

- Write to Bridget Phillipson and Keir Starmer on the many concerns about the code outlined in the briefing document and the impact on <me / my family / my friends>
- Call for publication of the EHRC final draft
- Stand for Parliamentary sovereignty and demand the code is brought forward for proper scrutiny, debate and a democratic vote
- Bring the <u>TransActual dossier</u> of the consultation responses to the heart of the discussion

As my MP, I trust you do not believe that major decisions on the fundamental human rights of UK citizens should take place behind closed doors.

With kind regards,

<insert name>
<insert postal address>