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Dear [MP’S FULL NAME FOLLOWED BY ‘MP’, E.G. JOHN SMITH MP]

**APPG on West Papua**

As your local constituent, I am writing to you to express my concern about the political situation in West Papua and the deeply disturbing human rights abuses that are being carried out under the Indonesian occupation there.

Since 1962/3, Indonesia has occupied West Papua in brutal fashion, killing over 500,000 innocent civilians and routinely torturing those who remain. [Yale Law School](https://law.yale.edu/system/files/documents/pdf/Intellectual_Life/West_Papua_final_report.pdf) has argued that Indonesia’s actions could meet the criteria for genocide. Despite the huge power imbalance, thousands of Papuans still struggle against the Indonesian state every day. [Benny Wenda](https://www.bennywenda.org/), a West Papuan independence leader, has political asylum here in the UK and works tirelessly to free his people. The [United Liberation Movement for West Papua](https://www.ulmwp.org/declaration-internationally-supervised-vote-independence) formed in 2014, and has been expanding diplomatic efforts worldwide, making the time a crucial one for a wave of international support, concern and solidarity with West Papuans.

As my elected representative in the Houses of Parliament, I would like to draw your attention to the All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) on West Papua which has been working to raise awareness and coordinate parliamentary action over West Papua since 2015. The APPG is chaired by Rt Hon Alex Sobel MP. It would be fantastic if you could join the APPG and attend their meetings.

I would also like to encourage you to sign the [Westminster Declaration](https://www.ulmwp.org/declaration-internationally-supervised-vote-independence), which condemns the Indonesian occupation and calls for an internationally-supervised vote of self-determination.

The UK cannot turn a blind eye to the clear and well documented violations that continue to be carried out by Indonesia. The Government needs to fulfil its obligations by sending a clear message that this is unacceptable, by cutting off military training and support for the Indonesian occupation.

It would be greatly appreciated if you were able to meet with me to discuss this matter further at your earliest convenience. [DELETE/ALTER AS APPROPRIATE]

I look forward to receiving your reply.

Yours sincerely,

[YOUR NAME]