Subject: Urgent Action Needed: Reducing School Exclusions in Our Community

Dear [MP's name],

I am writing as your constituent and concerned citizen, to express my concern about the alarming rates of school exclusions and to urge you to support and implement policies aimed at reducing these exclusions, like those set out by Mission 44.

Recent statistics highlight the urgency of this issue:

* In 2022/23, there were over 9,000 exclusions and 790,000 suspensions in England, a significant increase from previous years.
* Children lost over 32 million days of learning through unauthorised absence, suspension, and exclusion in the 2022-2023 academic year.

These numbers represent a crisis that demands immediate action.

School exclusions have significant long-term consequences for young people, and disproportionately impact young people from vulnerable backgrounds, including those with special educational needs and those living in poverty. Black Caribbean and Gypsy, Roma, Traveller communities are also disproportionately impacted.

[Mission 44](https://mission44.org/), a charity founded by Sir Lewis Hamilton to build a fairer, more inclusive future for young people around the world, has recently set out a list of policy recommendations across four priority areas:

1. Embed inclusion into accountability and the curriculum
2. Increase personalised support for vulnerable learners
3. A more diverse, inclusive workforce
4. Tackle exclusions beyond the school gates

You can read more about the policy recommendations within these priority areas at [www.preventingexclusions.com](http://www.preventingexclusions.com).

By implementing policies that prioritise personalised support and early intervention, we can create a more inclusive and supportive educational environment for all students​.

By focusing on prevention, we can tackle the real challenges - whether it’s unmet special educational needs, mental health struggles, racial discrimination or socioeconomic disadvantages. Policymakers, educators and the community must take preventative action to build a more inclusive education system that benefits every child.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. I look forward to hearing how you plan to support efforts to reduce school exclusions in our community.

Yours sincerely,

[Your name]