Dear [name of MSP] MSP,

Congratulations on being elected to become a member of the 2021-2026 Scottish Parliament.

[Name of your organisation] is an independent advocacy organisation working in [name of MSPs’ relevant constituency or region] that focuses on ensuring marginalised people’s voices are heard. Independent advocacy is about speaking up for, and standing alongside individuals or groups, and not being influenced by the views of others. It is about everyone having the right to a voice: addressing barriers and imbalances of power, and ensuring that people’s rights are recognised, respected and secured. Independent advocacy changes lives for the better.

For the next five years we believe that, as we move forward, it is important for everyone, especially marginalised people and groups, to be given the chance to have their voice heard as decisions are made. Independent advocacy is key to achieving this. To ensure access to independent advocacy current legislation and policy needs to be fully implemented. The right to access independent advocacy needs to be included in relevant future policy and legislation.

[Name of your organisation] hopes to be able to engage with you about our work as an independent advocacy organisation. To this end we are pleased to direct you to a copy of the [Scottish Independent Advocacy Alliance (SIAA) 2021 Manifesto](https://www.siaa.org.uk/information-hub/siaa-manifesto-2021/) which lays out a vision for independent advocacy in Scotland that we hope you will support us in achieving. The manifesto we have share with you focuses on the following three key themes:

* Improved access to independent advocacy
* Robust, strategic provision of independent advocacy
* Independent advocacy at the heart of policy making

We would be delighted to discuss any questions about independent advocacy you might have or any issues raised in the manifesto. To arrange a video or telephone call please contact [insert name of manager] on [xxx] or by email [xxxxx].

Kind regards,

[name and organisation]