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[Insert name of MP]
House of Commons
London
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[Insert date]
Dear [Insert the name of MP]

I am writing to you to ask you to sign Early Day Motion 1126, tabled by Joan Humble MP. The EDM reads:

That this House is concerned that looked after children are still not routinely involved when key decisions are being made about their lives, recognises that access to professional independent advocacy empowers children to have their views taken seriously, keeps children safe, leads to better decision-making and improves children's outcomes as a result; and calls on the Government to ensure that more looked after children have access to professional independent advocacy.

Without access to professional independent advocacy the views and rights of all looked after children are not currently being adequately heard and promoted.

This is why a large group of campaigning organisations including NYAS, Barnardo's, BAAF, BASW, BILD, CCNUK, Children's Legal Centre, The Children's Society, The Children's Trust Tadworth, Contact a Family, CRAE, EDCM, the Early Childhood Forum, Family Fund, First Up!, The Fostering Network, Kids, Mencap, A National Voice, NSPCC, NDCS, NCB, NCH, NYA, Scope, The Together Trust, TreeHouse, Tros Gynnal, Voice, The Who Cares? Trust, and Youth Access is calling on the Government to introduce a statutory right to independent advocacy when significant decisions are being made in the lives of looked after children.

Yours sincerely,

[Insert your name]