Subject: **Will you enable older people to live an ambitious and fulfilling later life?**

Dear **[insert name of candidate]**

I live in the **[name]** constituency and am writing to request that securing the dignity and fulfilment of older people is at the forefront of your political agenda.

I am a member of the Later Life Ambitions (LLA). LLA is a campaigning organisation which brings together the collective voices of over 250,000 pensioners through three organisations – the National Federation of Occupational Pensioners, the Civil Service Pensioners’ Alliance and the National Association of Retired Police Officers. We campaign nationally, regionally and locally on a wide range of issues to improve the lives of older people. We have ambitious aspirations for pensioners.

From fair pensions to safe and sustainable care services, accessible housing to regular bus services promoting independence, we require bold and forward-looking action from our political leaders.

With your support, I want to see a change in the terms of the debate to focus on the ambitions of pensioners rather than the perceived ‘costs’ to the rest of society. So, we urge you to recognise the value of pensioners, and provide an aspirational, ambitious future for those in later life.

My primary concern is the need to adequately reform the social care system. It is facing an unprecedented crisis, and in order to develop a suitable set of solutions it is important that the views of older people are used to inform the forthcoming Government’s strategy.

As my prospective MP, I would like you to commit to the following:

* A cross party, long-term solution to the crisis in social care, that secures adequate funding for the sector
* Maintenance of the state pension ‘triple-lock’
* Increase in the minimum employer contributions for auto-enrolment  schemes
* Ensuring that the free TV licence concession for over-75 continues to be fully funded
* Stopping financial and digital exclusion, which includes committing to no further Post Office closures and renewal of its funding
* A national strategy encouraging specialised later life housing throughout the whole of the UK
* A cross-party approach to tackling material disadvantages between and within generations, while championing the societal contribution of older people

I would appreciate your response to the issues I have outlined above.

*Name*

*Address*

*Sign off*