Dear [MP],

I am getting in touch from [housing association] to highlight the role supported housing plays in helping people to live healthy and independent lives in [constituency].

Supported housing is a vital service that empowers more than half a million people to live independently. The range of support available varies depending on the project and place, but all supported housing aims to offer a decent home, independence, and support where necessary, to people in our communities who are often overlooked. This includes, older people, disabled people, victim/survivors of domestic abuse, prison leavers and those who have experienced homelessness.

At [housing association name] we [describe the supported housing services you offer and who uses these services. Include relevant data if you have this – e.g. number of people you help, brief figures on outcomes for those you support].

[Without supported housing](https://www.housing.org.uk/resources/research-into-the-supported-housing-sectors-impact-on-homelessness-prevention-health-and-wellbeing/), 41,000 more people would be homeless, 30,000 people would be at risk of homelessness, and we would need 14,000 more inpatient psychiatric places, 2,500 additional places in residential care and 2,000 more prison places.

As well as providing crucial care and support to residents, supported housing is a critical asset in alleviating pressures on our NHS, social care and criminal justice system, but currently there isn’t enough supported housing supply to meet demand. With the Department for Health and Social Care predicting that demand for supported homes in England will increase by 125,000 by 2030, the effects of this lack of supply are already being felt across systems.

**How you can help**

One of the biggest challenges facing supported housing is the reduction in funding over time. Some local authorities, faced with incredibly difficult financial choices, are looking to withdraw all support funding from homelessness services and other supported housing services, with many schemes being forced to closed.

**We urgently need a long-term funding solution for supported housing**, that’s why we are calling on the government to make ring-fenced funding for housing-related support available to all local authorities in England. If you can, please write to the Chancellor echoing our calls. You can contact Ade.Barker@housing.org.uk for more information.

Yours sincerely,