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**Tell your MP why supported housing is important to you**

The Starts at Home campaign aims to ensure that people who need extra support will always have a home that meets their needs. We do this by telling MPs and decision makers about the positive stories of people who have gained independence through supported housing, so they can champion the sector in Parliament. Building on the success of Starts at Home day and the attendance to the supported housing parliamentary debates, we want to continue to tell MPs, first-hand, why they should champion their local supported housing services.

If you don’t know who your MP is then finding out is simple.

* Call the House of Commons Information Office on 020 7219 4272.
* Visit [www.theyworkforyou.com](http://www.theyworkforyou.com) and enter your postcode to find your MP’s name, which party they belong to and what constituency you live in.

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| **Example Starts at Home supporter MP Letter**  *Your name  Address  Town Postcode*  *Date*  *[First name surname]* MP  House of Commons  London  SW1A 0AA  Dear *[MP’s name]*  RE: Starts at Home campaign  *Say why supported housing is important to you and how it helps you or your family in your local area?*  Key messages:   * That's why I am backing the Starts at Home campaign (http://startsathome.org.uk) * Starts at Home celebrates how supported housing has helped hundreds of thousands of people gain their independence. * Invite your MP to visit a short-term scheme in their local area   *[Thank your MP and tell them you look forward to hearing from them soon.]*  *[Your signature]   [Your name]* |

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