

JOINT RESPONSE TO THE VAWG STRATEGY – LACK OF PROTECTION FOR MIGRANT WOMEN

EMAIL FOR CALL TO ACTION

Dear [MP's name]

As your constituent, I am writing to raise serious concerns about the absence of meaningful protections for migrant women in the new Freedom from Violence and Abuse: A Cross Government Strategy.

While the strategy rightly recognises the urgent need to tackle this form of violence, it fails to address the specific and well evidenced barriers faced by migrant women, particularly those with insecure immigration status or with no recourse to public funds.

Recently, Hibiscus, Latin American Women's Aid, Safety 4 Sisters Northwest and Rights of Women launched a comprehensive response to the different areas covered by the strategy. As they state, if the strategy fails to protect all women without discrimination, the commitment to ending VAWG will not be accomplished. As part of their response, these organisations explain how recent immigration and asylum changes and proposals will increase women's risk to experiencing abuse.

I am asking you to raise this urgent issue in Parliament and with other government representatives. I recommend you meet with Hibiscus, LAWA, Safet4Sisters and Rights of Women to discuss their concerns and recommendations to ensure no woman is excluded from protection and justice. You can contact them at elizabeth@hibiscus.org.uk

Every woman deserves protection from violence. I hope you will use your position to ensure that the government's approach reflects this fundamental principle.

Yours sincerely,

[Name and address]