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Dear [MP’s Name],

**Subject: Bereaved children in [CONSTITUENCY] deserve better. Join the planned APPG for Childhood Bereavement.**

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to you as a concerned constituent and advocate for the wellbeing of children whose lives have been impacted by the death of someone important to them.

The proposed establishment of an All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) on Childhood Bereavement presents a crucial opportunity for us to address the unique challenges faced by bereaved children and ensure they receive the support necessary to go on to lead hopeful and flourishing lives.

Childhood bereavement is an often-overlooked issue that affects thousands of children across our nation each year. According to estimates, approximately 1 in 29 children will experience the death of a parent or sibling before they reach adulthood. That’s at least one child in every classroom.

The impact of loss during formative years can be profound, leading to emotional distress, academic challenges, and social withdrawal. Without appropriate support, these children may struggle with mental health issues such as anxiety and depression and are more likely to engage in risk taking behaviours, hindering their ability to thrive both personally and academically. It is imperative that we prioritise their needs within governmental policies and frameworks.

An APPG on Childhood Bereavement would play a vital role in raising awareness of the impact of bereavement on young lives, encourage debate and discussion between children, young people, families and professionals and advocating for policies that can help outcomes for the youngest grievers in our society.

I would like to encourage you to consider joining such an important group. Your participation would not only demonstrate your commitment to supporting vulnerable children but also allow you to contribute meaningfully to discussions that can lead to positive changes in legislation and funding for bereavement services for **[CONSTITUENCY]** and beyond.

Winston’s Wish ([www.winstonswish.org](https://www.winstonswish.org)) will be providing the secretariat for the group. Please register your interest with them at communications@winstonswish.org and/or Christine Jardine MP – christine.jardine.mp@parliament.org.uk

As an MP, your voice can significantly impact how we approach childhood bereavement at both local and national levels. Together, we can work towards ensuring that no child or young person ever has to face their grief alone. I urge you to consider attending any proposed upcoming meetings and engaging with fellow members who are equally passionate about making a difference in the lives of bereaved children.

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter. I look forward to hearing from you regarding your potential involvement with the planned All-Party Parliamentary Group on Childhood Bereavement.

Yours sincerely,

[Your Name]