Dear (insert name of your MP),

As a member of your constituency, I am writing to you to seek your assistance in preventing the lock change evictions of asylum seekers all over the UK. I live at (insert full address).

You will no doubt be well aware of the current housing crisis that is happening in Glasgow - the evictions by lock change of 300+ asylum seekers in the city. These are being carried out by the Home Office appointed housing provider, Serco and are taking place without the legal protections that you and I take for granted. Many of these individuals are in the process of making a fresh asylum claim, and I feel that currently there are insufficient procedural safeguards in place to protect these individuals. They are already destitute and are now threatened with imminent street homelessness. They have no recourse to mainstream benefits and cannot access local authority shelters.

(Insert your own personal paragraph here)

Though Serco hand over the asylum seeker housing contract to the Mears Group in September, the UK-wide problem will remain; that no legal or procedural safeguards exist to protect the accommodation rights of asylum seekers.

I am therefore writing to you to request you support the Asylum Seekers (Accommodation Eviction Procedures) Bill 2017-19 currently being motioned in UK Parliament, which works to protect the rights of some of the most vulnerable in our society. The bill provides for a 60 day notice period when a person is asked to leave a property and the requirement of a court order if the housing provider wishes to evict. There will also be a compulsory vulnerability assessment carried out, with an independent advocate present throughout the process.

These measures will allow the individual time to seek legal advice, explore their options and prevent highly vulnerable persons being forced onto the streets.

I am sure I can count on your support of the bill when it is next read in parliament.

Thank you in advance,

Yours sincerely,

(Insert your name)