{Your Address in the Constituency}

{Date}

Dear {NAME OF YOUR MP},

As one of your constituents, I am writing to urge you to sign [Early day motion (EDM) 2232](https://edm.parliament.uk/early-day-motion/52749/inclusive-peace-and-protection-of-defenders-in-colombia).

In 2018, 172 Human Rights Defenders were killed in Colombia and the levels of violence against those defending human rights continues to be alarming. In the first three weeks of January 2019, one Human Rights Defender was killed every three days in Colombia. Many of those who face a particular risk are land and environmental defenders, and those involved in the implementation of the Peace Accord.

EDM 2232 acknowledges the vital role that civil society organisations and human rights defenders play in the effective implementation of the Peace Accord. It therefore calls on the Colombian Government to ensure that the recommendations in the UN Special Rapporteur's report on the Situation of Human Rights Defenders are incorporated into, and monitored by, the UN Security Council's Verification Mission to Colombia. It also calls on the Government to ensure the effective implementation of the Peace Accord between the Colombian Government and the FARC, including its gender-based agreements and prioritisation of victims' rights.

Furthermore, the EDM highlights that the breakdown of peace talks with the ELN guerrilla at the beginning of 2019 has increased violence against, and suffering in Indigenous, Afro-Colombian and peasant rural communities and humanitarian zones, which are caught between neo-paramilitary groups and ELN guerrilla, and subject to threats and intimidation

I am very concerned about the situation of communities and Human Rights Defenders in Colombia. As your constituent, I therefore ask you to sign EDM 2232 as a step to address the multiple impacts of violence against communities and Human Rights Defenders in Colombia.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

{Your NAME/signature/Address in Constituency}