WRITE TO YOUR LOCAL MP – LETTER TEMPLATE

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Dear **[Mr / Mrs / Ms Surname MP]**

I am writing to you today to express my concern about the withdrawal of local authority funding for Coventry Rape and Sexual Abuse Centre.

As your constituent and **[survivor of sexual abuse / supporter of survivors of sexual abuse / parent etc]** I have **[seen / experienced]** first-hand the value of specialist expertise and the life changing benefits it can have.

**[add in any extra personal info as necessary].**

Five million women in England and Wales have been raped or sexually assaulted. One in four girls and one in six boys will be subjected to child sexual abuse and one in five women over the age of 16.

A recent government report reinforced the lack of specialist expertise within NHS mental health services highlighting the fact that almost 50% of “survivors believe that specialist voluntary sector sexual abuse counselling/therapy is the single most important support service for victims after disclosure.”

Please show your support for victims and survivors in your constituency by making sure that CRASAC’s services are adequately funded.

Yours sincerely

**[insert name]**