Dear *[MP’s Name]*,

My name is *[Your name]* and I am writing to you today as a UK citizen in your constituency. I am writing to you about the serious health impacts of poor air quality and high pollution levels in my local area and across London.

This matter is important to me because *[\*insert your concerns but it’s also very impactful to include your own experiences\*]*

I am sure that the matter of clean breathable air is important to you too. You may be aware that in recent years Black women have been between 3-5 times more likely to die during pregnancy or within the first year of motherhood and are two times more likely to have a stillbirth compared to White women. These trends continue today.

As you will be aware, analysis also reveals that people of colour are three times more likely to live in high air pollution neighbourhoods. In London, Black communities are disproportionately exposed to N02 levels that breach EU limits. There are startling correlations between Black women’s exposure air pollution and the maternal outcomes they face.

However, despite disproportionate impact, Global Black Maternal health recently found that over half of Black women knew nothing at all about the impact of air pollution on the health of an unborn baby or child once born. Additionally, they found that Black women were limited in their ability to make choices that positively impacted the air quality they and their children breathe.

In 2023, racial disparities in exposure to toxic air, maternal and life outcomes are not acceptable. Air pollution is an issue impeding the human rights of children and adults across London. Given these concerns, we call on you to support impactful change in the air quality for residents. We ask you to:

1. Commit to racial equity in air quality through the assessment of implications for air pollution policies and collaboration with stakeholder organisations who provide a bridge between policy makers and communities.
2. Consult with Black communities and organisations in the development of policy impacting air quality in London.
3. Raise awareness of air pollution among Black families through collaborative and co-production approaches.

Additionally, we call upon you as our representative in parliament, to work across parties to

1. Ensure air in our area and across London remains within legal pollution limits.
2. Implement more clean air zones and the appropriate infrastructure to support residents of our local area and across London in making more environmentally positive travel choices.
3. Support the development of scientific and medical research in combatting the long-term impacts of air pollution.

Yours sincerely,

*[Your name]*