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Dear **Layla Moran**

I send my children to **Wychwood School**, an independent school in your constituency. I was disappointed to hear that Labour has formally endorsed the abolition of independent schools at their recent Conference.

As a parent I feel this is an attack on my right to choose education for my children – a right which is protected by human rights law. It is also a policy which would cause serious and unfair disruption to their schooling. Any future government has a duty of care to all children in our country and independent school children should not be made scapegoats for wider social issues.

I do not believe it is right to destroy schools which contribute so much to their local communities and our education system. Surely the priority must be investment in state education, not tearing down good schools. Abolishing independent schools would be a distraction of time and resources.

I hope you will make sure that the debate around education policy remains focused on improving education for all. To understand how valuable these schools are to their local communities and your constituency, I look forward to your joining us for Celebration Day at Wychwood School this year on October 24<sup>th</sup> which will help you to find out first-hand what they do.

Yours sincerely,