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Dear

With the General Election on the horizon, I would like to ask for your support to implement positive change, and draw your attention to some key issues facing so many women today.

1 in 3 of your female electorate will have an at least one abortion by the time they are 45 years old. Improvements in abortion care will help so many in our community.

Whatever your views on abortion, I hope you will agree that women who need to access abortion services in their particular circumstances should be able to do so with all the facts – not myths, close to home, free from harassment.

As you will know, 2017 marks 50 years after the introduction of safe, legal abortion in Britain. Yet, women in the UK still face many barriers to accessing abortion services.

Abortion Rights have outlined 5 key areas that are still in need of improvement to support this safe and legal healthcare option for all women. Their 2017 manifesto calls for: Equal access to abortion care for all; Accurate and available information on abortion; an end to harassment and intimidation outside clinics; Education covering abortion as a safe and clinical option in RSE; and Comprehensive reproductive healthcare.

These areas all have very simple steps to improvement. Can I count on your support for seeking to improve access to abortion information and care? Proposals include:

- Review licencing legislation and the Abortion Act 1967 to allow medical abortion pills to be administered by a wider range of clinical practitioners, and to be taken in the comfort of women's own homes.
- Include non-directive and non-shaming information about abortion in the curriculum for relationships and sex education.
- Ensure all literature provided by outside organisations and visiting education providers is accurate according to information and guidelines published by the RCOG and WHO.
- Review why harassment outside of abortion clinics is allowed to continue.
- Review current provision and funding for women-centred healthcare services to provide the whole range of reproductive health advice, information, and care – easily accessible under one roof.

I would be grateful to know if you will support all or some of the key recommendations in Abortion Right's manifesto in your upcoming policies for our constituency.

Yours sincerely,