

## THE LETTER SAMPLE

Dear (NAME OF MEP),

*Médecins du Monde* is a medical, humanitarian non-governmental organisation, and is present in 11 member countries within Europe. We run programmes which provide healthcare and advocacy for the most vulnerable populations.

One of the groups to which we focus our programmes are migrants who may be present in a country without residency permits. This group tends to be the most vulnerable because most European states will not guarantee full and free access to healthcare to undocumented migrants.

When healthcare is provided in some countries it may only cover emergencies, ignoring chronic illnesses and other important issues such as antenatal care. A new policy which has now come to light by governments is to put pressure on social services and health professionals to report undocumented migrants using their services. This means that many people have become too frightened to come forward and access healthcare, leaving children without vaccinations and potentially creating a serious public health issue.

We are looking to the European Parliament to uphold the rights of individuals in the European Union and *Médecins du Monde* encourages the European Parliament to ensure that all people living in Europe, including undocumented migrants, get equal access to healthcare.

With this in mind, we would like to find out your position on access to healthcare in Europe. Therefore, we would be grateful, if you would answer the following question:

<p>As an MEP, would you be willing to stand up for all those living in Europe to receive equal access to healthcare, including undocumented migrants?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> YES                      <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p>
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We would like to thank you for taking time to read this letter and we hope that in the near future we can work together to ensure rights for all individuals.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely