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**Letter**

 Dear \*insert MP\*,

 As a Jewish constituent, I write this letter to express my concern about the Government’s approach to migrants and refugees as Ukrainian nationals flee for their lives, barred from seeking refuge on our shores without either British relatives or community sponsorship.

The Jewish community has lived experience of seeking refuge in Britain, fleeing persecution in Europe, the Middle East, North Africa and beyond. As a people whose bitter experience in the Holocaust informed the expansion of refugee rights in the 20th century, we cannot overlook the Government’s decision to limit Ukrainian refugee rights via sponsorship.

Therefore, whilst we welcome the Home Office decisions to relax visa rules, these limits mark a dark departure from international human rights protections. It also illuminates the broader consolidation of a hostile environment to migration through the Nationality and Borders Bill, which criminalises people for the route they take to reach our shores and undermines fair hearings for asylum seekers. This legislation belies not just international law, but basic human dignity.

As my representative in the House of Commons, I would ask that you write to the Home Secretary and Minister for Immigration Compliance and Justice outlining my concerns as a member of the Jewish community. I urge the government not only to reconsider its decision and waive Visa restrictions for Ukrainian refugees, but also to challenge the Nationality and Borders Bill, which will consolidate and expand this approach. I push in particular for the complete removal of clause 11 by the Commons, voted down in the Lords, which will punish Ukrainian refugees and others forced to take irregular journeys to find safety

As Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks said, ‘the battle for freedom is never finally won but must be fought in every generation.’ I invite you to be a part of this effort.

Yours sincerely,

 \*Name, address and contact details\*