**Template for Petition**

**Title: Giving deaf children a fair chance**

**We, the undersigned, petition the council to stop cuts to specialist support services for deaf children.**

We call on **[insert name of local authority]** to **[your given campaign issue]** and ensure all deaf children in **[insert name of local authority]** have a fair chance to achieve.

Deaf children are already among the most vulnerable and disadvantaged children in the UK today. Deafness is not a learning disability. Evidence shows that with the right support, deaf children can achieve as well as other children. Specialist support services for deaf children offer a vital lifeline to deaf children and their families by providing support to families, directly teaching deaf children, advising mainstream teachers and much more.

Deaf children risk being among those hardest hit, despite the disadvantages they already face. Reducing the support for deaf children will undermine their achievement, confidence and well-being. This is unfair and unacceptable.

We, the undersigned, call on **[insert name of local** **authority]** to **[your given campaign issue]** ensure all deaf children in **[insert name of local authority]** have a fair chance to achieve.