**Template to write to your MP**

**[insert name]** MP

**[Insert name and** House of Commons **address for letters]**

Westminster

London SW1A 0AA

**[Date]**

Dear **[insert name]** MP,

I am writing as **[a worried parent of a deaf child/constituent – delete as appropriate]** to express my anger that **[my deaf child/deaf children – delete as appropriate]** will be among those hardest hit by **[insert the issue]**.

Deaf children are among the most vulnerable and disadvantaged children in the UK today. Local authority specialist support services for deaf children are an essential front-line service providing much needed support for families like mine. For example, early years support is vital in helping to develop the language and communication skills of deaf children. Visiting Teachers of the Deaf also help deaf children in the classroom by providing expert advice to mainstream teachers on how to teach my child, as well as providing one-to-one teaching.

I am alarmed to discover that **[insert details you know about cuts here]**. I find it very hard to believe that these reductions can be made without any negative impact on **[my deaf child/deaf children]**. I am concerned that **[my deaf child/deaf children]** will receive much less support or, worse, that they will no longer receive any direct help from a Teacher of the Deaf. This is unacceptable and unfair.

I would be grateful if you could contact [insert name of local authority] to ask them: what steps they are taking to make sure that the level of service **[my deaf child/ deaf children receive/s]** will remain unchanged to reconsider reductions to these vital services.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

**[Insert name and address – for emails]**