(Full Address)

(Date)

Dear (name of MP)

As one of your constituents, I am contacting you about the vital and important role played by school libraries in the education of children and young people. The Great School Libraries campaign is a UK wide campaign which aims to ensure that all children have access to a school library and librarian and to promote their role and impact in schools. Our website [www.greatschoollibraries.org.uk](http://www.greatschoollibraries.org.uk) highlights the work done by school librarians and illustrates their positive educational impact in schooling across the UK.

Research has clearly shown the intrinsic value of a staffed school library. The whole school community of pupils, teachers and support staff benefit from a professionally staffed school library. As well as supporting and promoting reading for pleasure and supporting wellbeing, a great school library is at the heart of learning, inquiry and intellectual curiosity. It acts as a collaborative space, where the librarian’s specialist communication knowledge can be shared with all departments and help them work collaboratively to deliver the curriculum. There is a wealth of evidence available from research which shows the value that a school library and librarian can bring to students’ overall progress and attainment in school.

Unfortunately, due to financial pressures, many councils have cut school libraries in terms of both staffing and budget. The Great School Libraries Campaign has been gathering evidence to promote the important role that staffed school libraries play in society at all levels. Please support the campaign to reverse the present situation so that all our young people can benefit from having a school library and librarian on site. Margaret Greenwood MP has tabled an Early Day Motion which you could sign to show your support of school libraries and librarians. <https://edm.parliament.uk/early-day-motion/61208/>

**As we head towards a general election, I would like to know:**

* Is it an ambition of yours or [their party] that every school has a staffed school library?
* Would [the party] include school library provision in the schools' inspection framework?
* Would [the party] make changes to include a question about school library provision in the school census?

You can promote the Great School Libraries Campaign on social media channels, including Twitter (@GreatSchLibs). However, if you would prefer to discuss it with me first please contact me via email (own email address). Naturally you can also discuss the campaign with colleagues or at Party level and we hope you will promote it in your manifesto.

I hope that this letter and the Great School Libraries Campaign website have illustrated the vital role of school libraries in our education system. Please contact the Campaign chairs to further discuss how you and your Party can support the Campaign and help it gather momentum on [info@greatschoollibraries.co.uk](mailto:info@greatschoollibraries.co.uk)

Yours sincerely

(Name)