**WASPI draft letter to Members of Parliament (July 2024)**

Dear [MP NAME],

**Compensating women affected by State Pension age changes**

Congratulations on your recent victory at the election. I’m contacting you as a [CONSTITUENCY] resident to ask if you will pledge your support for fair and fast compensation for women affected by short-notice State Pension age increases?

As you will be aware, thousands of WASPI women – or Women Against State Pension Inequality – born in the 1950s were affected when successive governments failed to notify us of State Pension age changes. Some women have been forced to sell their homes and rely on foodbanks as a result.

A landmark Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman (PHSO) report in March 2024 concluded the Government was guilty of maladministration and instructed ministers to compensate the 3.6 million women affected and apologise. However, despite overwhelming cross-party support in Parliament, ministers in the last Government failed to act.

WASPI women are watching and waiting for the new Work and Pensions Secretary to act promptly to set up a compensation scheme, as the cross-party [Work and Pensions Select Committee recommended](https://committees.parliament.uk/publications/44792/documents/222433/default/) on the eve of the election.

It would be almost unprecedented for the recommendations of the PHSO to be ignored by ministers – of whatever political stripe – and would undermine the purpose of having an independent ombudsman. It would surely also increase the sense that nothing changes, even when a new government is elected.

With one affected woman dying every 13 minutes, we simply cannot afford to wait any longer for justice. Would you please write to the new Secretary of State on my behalf and commit to raising this in the Commons at the first DWP questions?

I would be grateful if you would copy campaign@waspi.co.uk on your reply.

Yours sincerely,

[Please include your full name, postal address and telephone number to show you are a constituent]