6th August 2025 [date]

Dear Mr Streeting,

My name is [your name here], [brief information about your background, the area you live in and pregnancy and birth experience].

I am writing to express my deep concern about the impact of widespread racist and Islamophobic violence on our communities, particularly how this violence and unrest restrict access to safe, equitable maternity care for me and others in my community.

Last year, during the racist and Islamophobic riots, I experienced [insert description of direct impacts, e.g., fear, distress, heightened anxiety]. I witnessed [concrete impacts, some examples can be, “community members not feeling safe leaving their homes to give birth in local hospitals or birth centres,” “disruptions to essential community-based care like postnatal home visits”]. These events had [insert description of psychological impacts, e.g., “a lasting emotional toll,” “increased mistrust in public services,” “feelings of isolation and abandonment”].

Since then, my concerns have only grown. In an increasingly challenging political climate with ongoing attacks on the European Convention on Human Rights and the rise in racist rhetoric and action against asylum seekers, migrants and refugees, I remain deeply worried about the impact of fear, racism, and violence on access to maternity care.

The starting point, even in crisis, must always be to uphold the human rights of women and birthing people. This includes women and birthing people’s right to decide where to give birth, how to give birth, and with whom to give birth, the rights to make informed decisions about their bodies and care, their rights to be treated with dignity and respect, and fundamentally their right to life. These should be built into resilience and emergency planning protocols.

In light of these ongoing risks, I am seeking **clarity on what action has been taken** since last year to ensure NHS Trusts are working with hospitals and community services to maintain **safe access to care** **during times of crisis**.

I expect a clear response on the following:

* Your current and planned actions to address the gaps exposed by the events of the past year.
* How you will ensure NHS Trusts in my area embed fundamental human rights into all emergency protocols, including proactive communication with women and birthing people about changes to their care, ensuring maternity teams can reach those in need at home, and guaranteeing that everyone can access hospitals and birth centres without fear, discrimination, or harm.

Thank you for your time and attention to this important matter.

Yours sincerely,

[*Your name*]