(*Date)*

The Rt Hon XXX MP

*Address*

Dear X, **By email to:** insert email address

**Re: Request to support Prisoners of Conscience in the UAE.**

I am a member of the Manchester Amnesty International group and I write to ask for your support for a campaign to highlight the prisoners of conscience imprisoned in the UAE. It has been launched by a group of NGOs based in the Middle East and it is supported by Amnesty International.

It is of importance to you because of the strong links between the UAE and the city of Manchester.

There are more than 75 people imprisoned in the UAE for their peaceful work promoting human rights including Ahmed Mansoor and Dr Mohammed Al-Roken, who both received international recognition of their work. Many have been held beyond the end of their sentence and many beyond 10 years. The UAE has the most radical set of laws in the Middle East to silence their people including arbitrary arrest and detention in secret prisons run by State Security Police where torture is common.

Please find information about the SANID campaign at [***https://sanidpocuae.com/en/home/***](https://sanidpocuae.com/en/home/)

We ask you to:

* Raise the situation of the prisoners of conscience in Parliament.
* Send a tweet of support for the prisoners of conscience.
* Sign the petition on the SANID website to show your support.

The campaign has been launched now because of the COP28 summit will hopefully shine a light on the human rights situation in the UAE. Unlike previous COPs there will be no protests in Dubai because of the complete lack of freedom of speech. All protest will have to come from outside. This is our role.

Yours sincerely

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