Dear [MP's Name],

**Re: Support for the *Space to Grow* Amendment to the Planning and Infrastructure Bill**

I am writing as a constituent and a supporter of the National Allotment Society to urge you to support **Amendment 91** to the Planning and Infrastructure Bill, tabled by **Sarah Champion MP**.

The amendment seeks to insert the following into Clause 51:

“(12) A spatial development strategy must include policies relating to the provision and protection of land for community gardening and allotments.”

*Clause 51, 12D, page 73, at the end of existing subsection 11.*

This amendment would require planning authorities to think actively about the provision and protection of space to grow in their future spatial development strategies.

Members of the National Network for Community Gardening (which includes the Royal Horticultural Society, National Allotment Society, Sustain, Garden Organic and others) support this amendment, and I urge you, as my elected representative, to support it during parliamentary debate.

This proposed change recognises the vital role that allotments and community gardens play in promoting health and wellbeing, and contributing to food security and environmental sustainability. These spaces are cherished by communities across the UK, offering opportunities for outdoor activity, social connection, education, and local food production.

Despite their proven value, spaces for communities to grow are increasingly under threat due to pressure on land for development. But growing communities need growing spaces. Including a requirement for strategic planning authorities to state their policy on the provision and protection of all allotments and community gardens in their spatial development strategies will help promote and safeguard these essential community assets for current and future generations.

Thank you for your time and your service to our community. I would be grateful for a response outlining your position on this amendment, and I hope you will support it during debate.

Yours sincerely,

[Your Name]