Dear Prime Minister,

Today, on Human Rights Day, we celebrate universal human rights. These freedoms, written down after World War II in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, have been brought home through the UK’s Human Rights Act and European laws.

We face great constitutional change and uncertainty as your government seeks to navigate taking the UK out of the EU. Now is the time to focus on securing the everyday rights of people across the country. Rather than tampering with our hard-won fundamental freedoms, whether in the Human Rights Act or EU Charter, these legal standards must endure now and post-Brexit.

We ask you to avoid isolation and division, committing instead to stand firm on universal human rights standards as the foundation of a forward-looking UK.

Yours sincerely,

The British Institute of Human Rights

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AdviceUK

Advocacy Focus

Age Connects Morgannwg

Age Connects Wales

Age Scotland

AIRE

All Wales People First

Alzheimer Scotland

Amnesty International UK

Arcadea

Article 12 in Scotland

Article 39

Asian Fire Service Association (AFSA)

Asylum Link Merseyside

AVA (Against Violence and Abuse)

BHA for Equality in Health and Social Care

BILD (British Institute of Learning Disabilities)

Birthrights

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Bristol Mind

British Association of Social Workers

Carers UK

C-Change Scotland

Changing Our Lives

CHILD POVERTY ACTION GROUP

Child Soldiers International

Children in Scotland

Children’s Rights Alliance for England

Citizens Advice York

Clynfyw Care Farm CIC

Coalition for Racial Equality and Rights

Committee on the Administration of Justice (CAJ)

Consortium of LGBT Voluntary and Community Organisations

Detention Action

Disability Rights UK

Disability Wales

End Violence Against Women Coalition

English PEN

Fair Trials

Fairness, Respect, Equality Shropshire (FRESh) Ltd

Family Rights Group

ForcesWatch

Freedom from Torture

Friends, Families and Travellers

Garden Court Chambers

Health and Social Care Alliance Scotland (the ALLIANCE)

HIV Scotland

Human Rights Consortium

Human Rights Consortium Scotland

Human Rights Consortium, School of Advanced Study

Humanist Society Scotland

Humanists UK

Inclusion London

Inspire

International Bar Association’s Human Rights Institute

ISCRE (Ipswich & Suffolk Council for Racial Equality)

Jersey Cares: Refugee Aid Group

Joint Council for the Welfare of Immigrants (JCWI)

Just Fair

JUSTICE

Latin American Women's Rights Service (LAWRS)

Law Centres Network

Legal Action Group

Legal Aid Practitioners Group (LAPG)

Leigh Day Solicitors

Let Us Learn

LGBT Foundation

Liberty

Mary Ward Legal Centre

Mental Health Foundation

Merseyside Refugee Support Network

Migrants Organise

Migrants Resource Centre

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NAT (National AIDS Trust)

National Alliance of Women's Organisations (NAWO)

National Care Forum

National Development Team for Inclusion (NDTi)

National Survivor User Network (NSUN)

National Union of Students

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Northamptonshire Rights and Equality Council

Older People's Commissioner for Wales

OPAAL (UK)

Praxis Community Projects

Prisoners’ Advice Service

Public Law Project.

Quakers in Britain

Race On The Agenda (ROTA)

RAMFEL (Refugee & Migrant Forum of Essex and London)

RAY (Refugee Action York)

Rights Watch UK

Redress

Refugee Council

René Cassin

Rochdale & District Mind

Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations

Scottish Legal Action Group

Southall Black Sisters

St Martin of Tours Housing Association

Stonewall

Stonewall Cymru

Stonewall Scotland

Sue Ryder

Suicide Crisis

Terrence Higgins Trust

The Helen Bamber Foundation

The Howard League for Penal Reform

The IARS International Institute

The Judith Trust

The Life Story Network

The Runnymede Trust

The Traveller Movement

The Unique Transgender Network North Wales

Together (Scottish Alliance for Children's Rights)

Tower Hamlets Law Centre

TransForum Manchester

UK Lesbian & Gay Immigration Group (UKLGIG)

UK Race and Europe Network

Unicef UK

UNISON

United Kingdom Homecare Association

United Nations Association – UK

Unlock Democracy

WALES PEN CYMRU

Wellingborough Black Consortium

Welsh Refugee Council

Welsh Women's Aid

West Norfolk Disability *information* Service (WND*i*S)

Wish

Women in Prison

Women’s Aid

Women's Aid Federation Northern Ireland

Women's Resource Centre

York Human Rights City Network

Yorkshire MESMAC

Youth Justice Legal Centre

Young Legal Aid Lawyers

Youth Access

Northern Ireland Commissioner for Children and Young People

Children and Young People's Commissioner, Scotland

Children’s Commissioner for Wales