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- 3) Your MP's name and photo will appear. Scroll down to the 'Contact' section and under the 'Parliamentary office' heading, you will see an email address for your MP.
- 4) Adapt (especially updating the yellow highlighted sections of) the letter template below and email it to your MP!

Dear [INSERT MP NAME],

I am writing to you as my MP to ask you to show your support for a campaign that means a great deal to me by attending the Firework Impact Coalition's parliamentary drop-in event between 1.30 and 4.45pm on Wednesday 12th November in Dining Room B at the House of Commons.

The Firework Impact Coalition (previously known as the Fireworks Working Group) is a coalition of UK charities campaigning for improved regulation on fireworks due to their significant impact on people, animals, wildlife and the environment. The coalition includes animal welfare, veterans and children's health charities, among others.

I am particularly concerned by the impact that fireworks have on horses. Redwings Horse Sanctuary, a charity I support, will be in attendance at the event on 12th November. I would be delighted if you were able to attend to meet with them and hear more about their campaign to protect horses from fireworks.

Redwings has first-hand experience of the devastation fireworks can cause. Despite efforts to keep them safe, three horses in the care of Redwings - Cinders, Sprite and Percy - all died in incidents relating to fireworks being let off near the sanctuary.

[IF RELEVANT, YOU MAY WISH TO ADD A PARAGRAPH HERE DETAILING YOUR OWN PERSONAL MOTIVATIONS FOR SUPPORTING THE CAMPAIGN AND/OR THE IMPACT YOU HAVE SEEN FIREWORKS HAVE ON HORSES]

Redwings conducted a survey of UK adult horse owners between December 2024 and January 2025, receiving 5,128 submissions. Among the findings, as detailed in Redwings' August 2025 report, *Can we protect horses from fireworks?*, were that more than two thirds of respondents had firsthand experience of distressing, sometimes tragic incidents as a result of fireworks being let off close to a horse in their care and that more than 87% of equestrians worry about the potential impact of fireworks on their horse. More than 95% of respondents supported calls for tighter fireworks regulation.

As a result of these findings, Redwings is now campaigning for the maximum noise level for consumer fireworks to be reduced from 120 to 90 decibels, including through <u>this petition</u>.

Please let me know if you will be able to attend the Firework Impact Coalition event on 12th November - as my MP, your support would mean a great deal.

Yours sincerely,

[INSERT YOUR NAME]

[INSERT YOUR FULL ADDRESS OR JUST YOUR POSTCODE] - this will help your MP to know that you are a constituent of theirs]