Please take the time to write to your MP asking them to support our campaign on equality for disabled staff and students in education.

You can find your MP's email address by entering your postcode here: <u>https://www.writetothem.com</u>

You can also use copy and paste the template text below for your email. Feel free to personalise it, especially if you have personal experience of the issues listed, and remember to add your name and address so your MP will know that you are one of their constituents.

TEMPLATE LETTER TEXT

Dear (NAME),

As your constituent, I am writing to ask you to support <u>Early Day Motion 2617</u> entitled 'Equality for Disabled Staff and Students in UK Education'.

A 2015 survey by the University and College Union (UCU) found that disabled staff in education face a number of significant barriers to work and study. These included delays to the implementation of reasonable adjustments, barriers to career development, a lack of access to disability leave, inaccessible campuses and bullying and discrimination.

The union has since joined with other education unions, the National Union of Students and disability campaign organisations to call for change. I support their four key asks which are:

- 1. Time limits for the implementation of reasonable adjustments
- 2. A review of building regulations to ensure the meet the accessibility needs of disabled people
- 3. A statutory right to disability leave
- 4. The right for disabled people to access mainstream education and a reversal of cuts to SEND provision

I would therefore ask you to raise these issues in Parliament and add your support to the motion.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

YOUR NAME