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Dear Mr Javid

I am writing to highlight the worrying situation facing one of our academics, Dr Alison Atkinson-Phillips, and her family in Newcastle.

Alison joined Newcastle University from Australia earlier this year and is already a very valued member of our Oral History Unit.

Since her arrival, Alison has made a significant contribution to the University community and is well-respected amongst students and colleagues alike.

I understand that an application for her husband for leave to remain was rejected recently and that this would mean the Atkinson-Phillips' and their two children would have to return to Australia.

The family has appealed this decision and I would hope that you will be able to give their case your urgent attention.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "C.P. Day", written over a light blue horizontal line.

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