>>insert MP name<<

Member for >>insert constituency<<

Sent via: <<insert email>>

>>>insert date<<<<

Dear >>insert MP name<<

I am writing on behalf of >>organisation name<< – a training provider operating within your constituency – to express my deep concern about the impact of current funding pressures on the skills sector.

The UK skills sector holds a critical role in shaping the nation's economic future by supplying a highly capable workforce that meets evolving industry demands. A robust skills sector helps reduce skills shortages, fosters innovation, reduces unemployment, and ensures the UK remains globally competitive.

High inflation rates and a lack of responsiveness from government to ensure funding rates reflect the actual cost of delivering skills provision means training providers are struggling. There have been a number of recent cases of training providers experiencing real financial difficulties as well as providers pulling out of skills provision in high-priority sectors, leaving gaps in vital provision and limiting the choice for employers This should be seen as a wake-up call to the government that urgent intervention is needed.

We support the Association of Employment and Learning Providers’ (AELP) [campaign to save our skills system](https://www.aelp.org.uk/news/aelp-calls-for-immediate-action-to-save-the-skills-system/). They are calling for:

* Immediate support for apprenticeship providers with an across-the-board uplift of 10% in funding for all apprenticeship standards; as well as raising the maximum government contribution above the current £27,000; and the introduction of a minimum government contribution of £5,000 per year across all apprenticeships.
* A long-term plan to stabilise the skills sector, through a sustainable and integrated national skills strategy.

As our MP, I would like to know your views on the current funding crisis within the skills system and also invite you to visit us, so you can find out first-hand the great work we do in the local community. I would also be grateful if you could write to the Secretary of State for Education, asking how the government intends to save our skills system from collapse.

Yours sincerely

>>>your name, your position, your organisation<<<