Dear [MP name]

I am writing from [WI name] in [constituency] to invite you to the Women’s Institute’s (WI) End Plastic Soup drop-in session taking place in Portcullis House, Room M on **4 July from 2-5pm.**

The Women's Institute, which celebrated its centenary in 2015, is the largest voluntary women's organisation in the UK with almost 220,000 members. Since its earliest days, the WI movement has been at the forefront of tackling waste and protecting our oceans. Our End Plastic Soup campaign is a result of a 2017 resolution passed by WI membership with 98.9% of the vote.

The campaign calls on Government and industry to research and develop innovative solutions to reduce the release of microplastic fibres, which are shed from synthetic clothing when washed. As they are too small to be caught by washing machine filters they end up in the sea and wider environment, posing a health risk to marine life. Microplastics are also entering the food chain, the long-term effects of which are unknown.

I feel passionately about protecting the ocean because … *[explain why; this could be for the sake of the future generation or protecting marine life or the potential human health impacts]* and as my MP I hope you also share my concern.

The drop-in session, sponsored by Rebecca Pow MP, is a chance for you to learn about the NFWI’s End Plastic Soup campaign. NFWI Vice-Chair Ann Jones will be in attendance on 4th July to answer questions about our campaign. We are also pleased to be joined by PhD student Imogen Napper, who is researching microplastic fibres at Plymouth University.

I would be delighted if you would attend the drop-in session on behalf of the constituency. I should be very grateful if you would RSVP to NFWI’s Research & Campaigns Officer Sophie Page on s.page@nfwi.org.uk or 020 7371 9300 ext 212

Yours sincerely

[Your name, your role (e.g President) and your WI’s name]

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