**Humza Yousaf MSP**

First Minister

The Scottish Government

Dear First Minister,

**Reinstating a Minister for Older People**

I am writing to express my disappointment that the prominence of older people’s issues and its position as a named Ministerial responsibility within Government have been downgraded.

I am concerned that the list of policy areas covered within the new Minister for Equalities, Migration and Refugees’ portfolio are larger than before, which casts doubt over the amount of necessary focus older people’s issues will receive.

I feel this is a backward step which reduces the importance of older people’s issues at a time when Scotland’s population is ageing and facing a growing number of serious challenges.

In order to demonstrate a serious commitment to improving the lives of older people in Scotland, I believe that you should reinstate a named ministerial title for older people.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours Sincerely,

**[Your name]**