**(INSERT NAME) MSP**

**(INSERT OFFICE ADDRESS)**

Dear

**Establishing a Commissioner for Older People**

We are writing to express support for Colin Smyth MSP’s proposal to introduce a Private Member’s Bill to establish a Commissioner for Older People in Scotland, and to ask you to support this.

We believe that introducing this position would help to address many of the issues older people are facing and ensure the country can cope with the demands of an ageing population, making sure discrimination is challenged, rights are upheld, and services are able to deliver.

Unfortunately, this is not all happening already, affecting the lives and experiences of many older people all over Scotland, and in our area.

Our group [insert name] works with many older people in [insert area] to [insert description of group activities]. Issues that we frequently see affecting our members include [insert].

We believe a Commissioner for Older People, equipped with the right powers, could help to tackle issues such as these, as they have had success doing in both Northern Ireland and Wales, where this position has already been introduced.

As our MSP, we would like to encourage you to support this proposal and demonstrate your support for and commitment to safeguarding the rights and voices of older people.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours Sincerely,

**[Your name]**