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Cc: [**INSERT THE NAMES OF THE PEOPLE OR ORGANISATIONS YOU HAVE CHOSEN TO MAIL A COPY OF THIS LETTER TO HERE – Delete this section if not required]**

Dear Liz,

 I am writing to you as a partner, friend and ally of the transgender community in the UK.

Transgender people are currently very scared and concerned about your planned upcoming changes to the Gender Recognition Act. The vast majority of transgender men and women in the UK are currently living with a huge burden of unnecessary stress, worry and fear, that their rights to access public and private facilities may soon be restricted and removed under changes you are proposing to make to the Gender Recognition Act and the Equalities Act.

 Currently, transgender people living in the UK have been able to live their lives knowing that their right to access facilities such as toilets and changing rooms that match their gender would never be in doubt and that they would never be challenged by a gate keeper to prove who they are to be able to access them. I would never have thought that trans people in the UK would be publicly persecuted and labelled as a danger to children, simply for existing and living their lives.

The transgender community is currently very scared that your plans for updates to the Gender Recognition Act, would restrict them from accessing these; and other facilities, and these changes may soon require them to carry identification that would expose their transgender identity to strangers.

 It would alleviate a huge amount of anxiety for the transgender community as a whole if you could address a few simple questions. Whilst I understand you plan on making the details of the new Gender Recognition Act public this summer, I, and the trans community, feel that certain aspects should be addressed with urgency, as to remove the fear trans people are all currently living with as a result of your recent statements and actions.

 My questions are:

1. Are you planning on placing restrictions on transgender people using toilet facilities that match their gender identity. If so, what are these restrictions, and, how are you planning on enforcing these restrictions?
2. Are you planning on placing restrictions on transgender people using changing facilities; this would include swimming pool and gym changing rooms and clothing store changing rooms, that match their gender identity. If so what are these restrictions, and, how are you planning on enforcing these restrictions?

If you could take the time to address the above questions, it would go a long way to alleviating the stress and fear that the transgender community are currently living with.

I really have to stress as much as I can that the trans community are beyond terrified that their basic rights are about to be removed.

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter. My name is **[Your Name]**, I’m a trans ally, and I’m scared for the trans community.

**[Your Name]**