**Template Letter to Local Politicians/ Councilors/ Celebrities**

INSERT DATE

INSERT CONTACT INFORMATION OF LOCAL COORDINATOR OR SPOKESPERSON

Dear INSERT LOCAL MPS/ COUNCILLOR,

We are a group of INSERT NUMBER OF PEOPLE from INSERT GROUP NAME/S in your local area of INSERT LOCAL AREA.
Firstly, thank you for your work on INSERT ANY PREVIOUS ACTION ON RELEVANT ISSUES (REFUGEES/ HUMAN RIGHTS/ CHILDREN/ MENTAL HEALTH)

Our group is taking action to support the rights of the 1023 children currently locked up in Australian immigration detention facilities. Psychologists have assessed these environments as “Mental illness factories,”, they are no place for children. Our position is all about a child’s fundamental rights to freedom, to play, to education and to good healthcare.

You may have seen the Free the Children action held in the Sydney CBD at the start of June.
On the INSERT DATES we will be holding a “Free the Children” action at INSERT PLACE,. Similar actions are taking place nation wide.

The action involves a representation of the indefinite immigration detention of 1,023 children. This is not just a passive statement, but an interactive social action where people can ‘free a child’. Dolls wearing numbered ID tags represent the detained children. Once a doll is freed, their ID tag is removed, the person taking action will keep half of this card as a reminder of their positive action and the other half will be signed on the spot as a card to local politicians imploring action for the protection of children.

**We invite you to be the first in our community to free a child. Your involvement would take no more than 30minutes from \*\*am on \*\*th \*\* be specific about time**

Thankyou for taking the time to consider our invitation, we hope to see you there.
Please do not hesitate to contact us with any queries.

Yours Sincerely;

INSERT full name and contact details of person who can follow up