*Please use this template letter to write to the 20 MPs selected in the 2021 Private Members’ Ballot. Protect wants its whistleblowing bill to become law and persuading these MPs to take up our bill is one of the best opportunities we have.*

*Dear [insert name of MP],*

*Congratulations on being selected in the Private Members’ Ballot.*

*I am writing to you to request that you adopt Protect’s whistleblowing bill as the bill you introduce.*

*Whistleblowers raise genuine concerns that protect society and keep us all safe. There are many tragedies of recent times that demonstrate the dangers of ignoring whistleblowers, such as Grenfell Tower, sexual exploitation in the international aid sector and the Covid-19 Wuhan whistleblower, Dr Li Wenliang.*

*Too many people are unprotected by UK whistleblowing law – which is now 23 years old. Too many whistleblowers are ignored or victimised.*

*Protect is the UK’s whistleblowing charity and its bill proposes wide-ranging reforms to strengthen whistleblower protection. You can read the bill in full* [*here*](https://public-concern-at-work.s3.eu-west-1.amazonaws.com/wp-content/uploads/images/2021/03/16100933/Draft-Bill-March-2021.pdf)*.*

*In short, the three most important aspects of the bill are as follows:*

* ***Extend the scope of whistleblowing protection****: significant groups of people in the workplace in the UK are excluded from whistleblower protection, such as* *job applicants, the self-employed and volunteers. This means that they have no legal rights if they are victimised - which can deter people from speaking up altogether.*
* ***Impose a legal duty on employers****: employers should by law be required to meet minimum standards for whistleblowing, such as having internal speak up arrangements and preventing the victimisation of whistleblowers. Tougher enforcement is also needed against employers who breach these standards.*
* ***Improve access to justice****: extend the time limits for bringing an employment tribunal claim and introduce legal aid for whistleblowers.*

*Protect recently launched a civil society campaign called, ‘*[*Let’s Fix UK Whistleblowing Law’*](https://protect-advice.org.uk/protect-campaign-help-fix-uk-whistleblowing-law/), *which focuses on these three urgent reforms.*

*Protect’s bill is the most comprehensive, realistic and powerful set of proposals in recent times and will make a genuine difference for whistleblowers who speak up to stop harm. I urge you to adopt Protect’s bill as your ballot bill.*

*Kind regards,*

*[Your name]*