Dear {\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_}

I am writing to you today regarding the unjust detention of dual British/Russian citizen Vladimir Kara-Murza and the United Kingdom's sanctions regime, to urge you to write to the Foreign Secretary, James Cleverly, and call on him to extend sanctions to more individuals complicit in his illegal arrest and detention.

The UK has fallen behind other nations in imposing sanctions on those involved in Vladimir’s arrest. He is a British citizen and as such we should be leading, not following.

To illustrate this failure in the application of Magnitsky sanctions, please consider the following breakdown:

* Lithuania has imposed sanctions on 15 individuals.
* Canada has imposed sanctions on 11 individuals.
* Latvia has imposed sanctions on 10 individuals.
* The European Union has imposed sanctions on 9 individuals.
* The United States of America has imposed sanctions on 6 individuals.
* **The United Kingdom has imposed sanctions on only 5 people directly related to the case of Vladimir Kara-Murza.**

Furthermore, the UK has been one of the slowest to impose sanctions:

* Canada introduced sanctions on November 11th, 2022.
* The US introduced sanctions on March 3rd, 2023.
* The European Union introduced sanctions on March 23rd, 2023.
* Latvia introduced sanctions on April 17th, 2023.
* **The UK introduced sanctions on 23rd, 2023.**
* Lithuania introduced sanctions on May 30th, 2023.

It is crucial that we lead the way in demonstrating strength to deter similar incidents of hostage-taking, which, as I'm sure you are aware, is an increasingly concerning trend among dictatorships worldwide.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I eagerly await your response in the coming weeks.

Yours sincerely,