Dear MP name,

At school/college we currently educate insert number young people and passionately believe that every student deserves a first class education. As many of our students progress to higher education or skilled employment after studying applied general qualifications (AGQs) such as BTECs, we are deeply concerned by the government’s plans to remove funding for most of these qualifications.

I hope you will be able to support the young people at school/college by attending the Westminster Hall debate on the future of BTEC qualifications that is taking place on **Monday 18th July at 4.30pm.** The debate was triggered when the *#ProtectStudentChoice: do not withdraw funding for BTECs* [petition](https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/592642) secured 108,329 signatures earlier this year.

The [#ProtectStudentChoice campaign](https://www.protectstudentchoice.org/) is hosting a photo drop-in immediately before the debate where you can pick up campaign materials and be photographed with the campaign logo to show your support and for use on social media. The drop-in is taking place in **Room T of Portcullis House between 2.30pm and 4.30pm** on the day of the debate.

AGQs such as BTECs have transformed the life chances of thousands of our students and made a huge contribution to both social mobility and the local economy. Scrapping them will leave many of our students without a viable pathway at the age of 16 and will hamper progress to higher education or skilled employment.

A briefing for the debate and supplementary information can be found in the Campaign Documents area of the #ProtectStudentChoice website [here](https://www.protectstudentchoice.org/). We hope you can attend on Monday 18th July at 4.30pm, and I have attached some additional information about applied general qualifications and our students that I hope will be useful when speaking in the debate.

Thank you for your support, and I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,