

March 10th 2020

Subject: Families Together

Dear Rupa Huq,

Through our Amnesty International Youth Group, we have found out about how the government does not allow refugees to bring their families back to their new country. This is cruel and a violation of human rights because so many children and parents can't live together without having to gather an enormous sum of money. This awful law separates parents from children, brothers from sisters and the elderly who cannot fend for themselves are left alone. How would you feel if, after long suffering through a war, you no longer can seek the comfort of family, and are left worrying for their safety and wellbeing? It is completely irrational to expect thousands of immigrants to recover from these losses, especially without their family. It is so easy to just brighten people's lives by passing a simple law, so why don't you?

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A link to the Families Together website

With your help we're calling for the following changes to the current rules:

- * Allow child refugees in the UK the right to sponsor their close family,
- * so they can rebuild their lives together and help them integrate in their new community

- * Expand who qualifies as family, so that young people who have turned 18
- * and elderly parents can join their family in the UK

- * Reintroduce legal aid for refugee family reunion cases so people who have
- * lost everything have the support they need to afford and navigate the complicated process of being reunited with their families

Yours sincerely

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