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Dear Attorney General,

Following the recent tragic death of Sarah Everard, the continued safety of women on our streets from predatory males will, I am sure, be especially at the forefront of the minds of all involved with criminal justice at this time.

I am therefore disquieted to find myself in a situation where I feel compelled to write to you to seek your urgent intervention in a most disturbing case involving a predatory male who, despite being convicted of a serious sexual offence, was set at liberty by a local magistrates court.

I was gravely concerned when I heard that Tameside Magistrates Court (in Greater Manchester) failed to immediately imprison this male offender upon his conviction for sexual assault upon a lone female in Oldham Town Centre when he appeared at court last week and that he only received a suspended sentence instead.

This offender can consequently now continue to pose a threat to my female constituents and to other women living elsewhere in Oldham.

It appears the offender Mr Javed Miah 23, from Shaw, which is the area I represent, pulled the female to the ground late at night, and molested her, only stopping when the female managed to set off an alarm as part of the emergency SOS facility on her phone.

It is fair to say that in all probability this sexual assault would have been far more serious had the offender not been frightened away.

The victim has been unable to work or leave the house since the attack.

I am of the view, as are the local community, that the sentence for this offence was significantly too lenient. I am therefore writing to you seeking a review of this sentence as soon as possible.

With thanks in anticipation of your reply and early action.

Yours Sincerely,

Councillor Howard Sykes MBE