

Ms Frances Fitzgerald T.D.  
Minister for Justice and Equality  
Department of Justice and Equality  
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Dublin 2

YOUR ADDRESS HERE  
TODAY'S DATE HERE

- THIS IS JUST A **SAMPLE LETTER** - DELETE AND CHANGE AS NECESSARY
- REMEMBER A POLITICAN SEES A WRITTEN LETTER FROM A VOTER AS = 10 VOTES
- THE LETTER IS **STRONGER** IF YOU **PERSONALISE IT AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE**
- YOUR LETTER CAN BE **TYPED OR HAND WRITTEN** – JUST MAKE SURE IT'S **READABLE**
- **IMPORTANT - DO NOT GIVE THE FULL NAME AND ADDRESS OF AN UNDOCUMENTED PERSON** – IF YOU ARE REFERRING TO SOMEONE YOU KNOW **JUST USE THEIR FIRST NAME**
- POST LETTER DIRECTLY TO THE MINISTER OR TO MRCI AND WE WILL POST IT  
(attention of Billy Shelley, MRCI, 37 Dame Street, Dublin 1)

## **SAMPLE TEXT**

Dear Minister,

### **1. WHY YOU ARE WRITING**

I am writing to you as the Minister for Justice and Equality in relation to the urgent situation of undocumented migrants living and working in Ireland. **As an Irish citizen and voter in the next general election** I am fully in support of the introduction of a regularisation scheme as proposed by the Migrant Rights Centre Ireland and Justice for the Undocumented group. I think undocumented migrants living and working here in Ireland deserve a chance to come forward **OR** should be given the opportunity to regularise as part of a scheme.

### **2. WHY YOU SUPPORT UNDOCUMENTED MIGRANTS – HERE SHARE YOUR PERSONAL EXPERIENCE WITH UNDOCUMENTED MIGRANTS IN IRELAND – WHAT IMPACT DOES BEING UNDOCUMENTED HAVE ON THEIR LIVES**

As someone who works with **OR** knows undocumented migrants in Ireland I believe many are making a valuable contribution here in Ireland and deserve the opportunity to get their immigration papers in order. My friend/my colleague/my neighbour/my employee is a kind and good person working hard to provide for their family. Without their papers undocumented migrants are more likely to be living in poverty, are at greater risk of exploitation in the workplace, and that their children face deeply uncertain futures. I don't believe we can ignore this situation any longer and with the present focus on migration it's an ideal time to introduce some sensible and fair measures.

### **3. SUPPORTING A SOLUTION – CALL FOR A REGULARISATION SCHEME- END WITH COMMITMENT**

After many years of migration to Ireland the government is being presented with an opportunity to show leadership and respond responsibly and fairly to the situation of undocumented migrants. These are workers and families who are living and working here long term making a valuable contribution. **Minister I would be in full agreement with the introduction of a regularisation scheme in the lifetime of the current government to give undocumented people in Ireland an opportunity to come forward and regularise their status under agreed criteria.** Taking decisive action for the undocumented in Ireland will surely aid our efforts to do the same for undocumented Irish citizens in the United States.

Yours sincerely **YOUR NAME HERE**