



Rt Hon Theresa May MP
Prime Minister
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Dear Prime Minister,

I am writing to lend my support to those calling on the UK Government to take urgent action to respond to the growing crisis facing those individuals of the Windrush generation, here in Wales and across the UK. These Commonwealth citizens helped to build this country in a time of need, and now look to your Government for justice and fair treatment.

We are aware of an increasing number of stories relating to the impact of the UK Government's 'compliance environment' checks on those who migrated from Commonwealth countries between 1948 and 1971. These individuals were granted leave to remain under the Immigration Act 1971 but, due to administrative errors, many have been told that they do not have the right to access services.

This situation requires urgent [action](#) to resolve the unjust and injurious circumstances which are leading to the children of the Windrush generation being made vulnerable to homelessness, unemployment or deportation due to Home Office mistakes over the past half century.

This year also marks the 70th anniversary of the Windrush. The best way of marking this milestone and honouring the tremendous sacrifices, hard work and dedication of that generation would be to recognise the important contribution of Commonwealth citizens who arrived in Britain during this period by resolving this pressing concern.

I urge you to put in place a swift, effective and compassionate process to ensure that those affected are supported to have their right to remain formally recognised. Such a process must have a presumption in favour of leave to remain, as affected individuals were already granted such status by the 1971 Act.

Yours sincerely

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