The Rt. Hon Boris Johnson, MP Prime Minister Office of the Prime Minister 10 Downing Street London SW1A 2AA

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Dear Prime Minister Boris Johnson,

We are some of the nearly 34,000 international students who were unfairly accused by the Home Office of cheating on an English test six years ago. We were innocent but our visas were refused or revoked and the Government gave us no way to defend ourselves. Our futures were destroyed and we were left to fight a years-long legal battle costing each of us tens of thousands of pounds.

Multiple judges, as well as parliamentary and watchdog reports, have ruled that the evidence relied upon by the Home Office to make these allegations is deeply flawed - but the Home Office is continuing to use it against us.

The Home Office has stolen our futures, branding us frauds and forcing us to bear a lifelong mark of shame. Many of us are destitute, barely able to survive or care for our families, having spent everything we own trying to clear our names. Many of us are suffering from severe stress and depression. Some of us have even attempted to take our own lives because we see no other way out.

The coronavirus pandemic has made our situation even worse. Our support networks have collapsed, the charities we rely on have been closed, our friends and families are unable to help as they are struggling themselves. We are terrified of catching the virus and being hospitalised, or dying with a black mark still against our names. This is not the future we wanted or worked for.

This country has a proud tradition of justice and fairness - one of the many reasons we chose to come here for our education. But in our case, this tradition has been wilfully disregarded. We have heard again and again that progress is being made, yet the situation has never been resolved and we face a dark and uncertain future.

We write to you today as we have already waited too long. We write to you because it is within your power to right this wrong, to put an end to our detention, deportation and humiliation.

Allow us to prove our innocence by establishing a free and transparent scheme - independent of the Home Office - through which we can get our cases to be reviewed and clear our names.

We came to the UK for a world-class education and to pursue our dreams, but that has been cruelly taken from us. We're asking you, as the Prime Minister, to show leadership and allow us the chance to start rebuilding our lives as we come out of this pandemic. Let this be a fresh start for us all.

Yours sincerely,

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