

[Your Address]
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[Name of Elected Representative]
[Their Title and Office Address]

Dear [Name of Elected Representative],

Re: Opposition to Defunding Citizens Advice Services

I am writing to you as a constituent and (a client/supporter/employee/volunteer) of Dumfries and Galloway Citizens Advice Service (D&G CAS) to express my deep concern about any proposals to withdraw funding from them from 1 January 2027 as part of Dumfries and Galloway Council's budget proposals 2026-28.

D&G CAS has been a lifeline for (me and many others/our clients) now and well into the future in our community. Whether it's help with debt, housing, benefits, employment, or navigating complex systems, the support provided is free, confidential, and often lifesaving. Without this service, (I or many other vulnerable people) would have nowhere else to turn.

Defunding D&G CAS would not only harm individuals and families from across the region—it would also place greater pressure on public services, including the NHS, local councils, and mental health services. The advice and support provided by them often helps prevent crises before they escalate, saving money and resources in the long term.

I urge you to stand up for your constituents and protect their funding. Please raise this issue with your colleagues and advocate for continued support of this vital service.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Yours sincerely,

[Your Name]