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Dear Home Secretary

I write to you regarding the case of Shiromini Satkunarajah and urgent need to reverse her imminent deportation.

Shiromini is an electronic engineering student at Bangor University, due to complete her undergraduate degree within the next three months. She is on course for a first, and has been exemplary throughout her course.

Shiromini and her family arrived in the U.K. when she was 12 years old, and following her father's death in 2011 both she and her mother were granted Leave to Remain until she completed her GCSEs.

Following an appeal, Shiromini and her mother were then granted a further period of Leave to Remain in order for her to complete her A-Levels and attend university. However, this extension only lasted until December 2014, and following the denial of a second extension of Leave to Remain, she and her mother sought to claim asylum.

Unfortunately, I understand that their claim for asylum has been refused. In accordance with the rules, Shiromini and her mother have been reporting to their local police station, but last week were arrested, transferred to Yarl's Wood Detention Centre and are now due for deportation on Tuesday 28th February 2017.

I urge, as Home Secretary, to intervene in this case and act urgently by using the powers granted to you to stop the deportation of Shiromini Satkunarajah and her mother. They are both valued members of their community, have no cultural or social ties to Sri Lanka, and would bring much needed skills to our country following her graduation.

Yours sincerely,

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