***Template letter to MPs:***

Dear XXXXXXX,

***Constituent disadvantaged by imminent takeover of Sirius Minerals PLC by Anglo American PLC***

I write as one of your constituents and as a shareholder in Sirius Minerals, a company currently subject to a takeover bid by Anglo American, to ask you to take action to ensure a fairer deal for the thousands of small shareholders in Sirius Minerals.

I request that you:

1. Request relevant ministers to review events leading up to the Anglo American offer and encourage Anglo American to offer a fairer deal.
2. Encourage the House of Commons Select Committee on Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy to undertake a similar review.
3. Lend support to the ShareSoc Sirius Shareholders’ Group (SSSG).

I am a shareholder in Sirius. I bought [ add your personal info][ ]x shares in [year] at [x] price and [y] in [year] at [ z] price, etc and currently own [xxx] shares.

Since 2009, Sirius Minerals have been promoting the construction of a mine under the North Yorkshire Moors to extract Polyhalite, a high-grade form of Potash. Many people have been persuaded to buy shares in Sirius to support this important project, which is key to the Northern Powerhouse. The venture has caught the imagination of the nation and particularly the people of Yorkshire, where the mine is located. There are 11,000 shareholders in Sirius in Yorkshire out of about 85,000 in total. Individual investors collectively hold approximately 50% of the shares. This an unusually high percentage and is a key reason why exceptional focus is warranted.

During the construction period and subsequent operation, the mine will provide a large number of jobs in Yorkshire.

Events have taken a negative course following the serial failure of the company to obtain planned finance for the project and now many private investors stand to lose a significant proportion of their investment. Anglo American has made an opportunistic offer which significantly undervalues the revenue potential of the mine and which will not prevent existing shareholders from retaining an economic interest in the project.

The ShareSoc Sirius Shareholders’ Group (SSSG), is currently working to explore the possibility of improving the outcome for shareholders. This group has engaged with both Sirius Minerals and Anglo American on the matter. Possible solutions include:

1. An increase the offer price above 5.5p per share. There will be less opposition if Anglo concede an increase. Every extra pound spent by Anglo American will be well spent in terms of less negative publicity and recouped from an improved PR profile going forward.
2. An option for shareholders to receive shares of Anglo American, in place of cash only offer. Mr Goodwill, MP for Scarborough and Whitby has promoted this.
3. Deferred enhanced consideration subject to Sirius mine milestones being achieved. This reduces Anglo cash flow and gives upside for locals and others who wish to stay invested in the project.
4. An option for existing shareholders to retain a minority interest in the project.

The shareholder group wants to ensure that private investors are not simply cast aside after their initial purpose was served, a view recently championed by the Daily Mail, Daily Telegraph and Yorkshire Post.

I do hope that you can help me and other small shareholders in Sirius Minerals and look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

[insert Name]

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The SSSG is being assisted by ShareSoc - the well-respected champion of individual shareholders’ rights. Further information on the group and its objectives is available at:

 <https://www.sharesoc.org/campaigns/sirius/>