

Dear \*insert name of MP\*

I would like to draw your attention to a debate that is taking place in Westminster Hall at 4.30pm on the 28th November, to discuss a petition to make it a requirement for drivers to report road traffic collisions with cats.

This is a cause close to my heart, and the petition raised over 102,000 signatures from other cat owners and animal lovers across the country before it closed in August this year. I believe it is a fundamental animal welfare issue, as many vets agree that in such instances where animal is struck and simply left on the roadside, there is little chance of survival. It also touches on mental health issues, as the devastation and distress experienced by cat owners when this happens to a beloved pet is lasting and profound.

In addition, it is my understanding that the compulsory microchipping of cats is due to come into effect in the coming months. The next logical step surely is to amend the Road Traffic Act accordingly, as cat owners by law will be registered and contactable in the event of a collision.

If you are able, I urge you to please, please attend the debate and support this cause. It is high time that a change was made here and I do hope that you agree.

Many thanks for your time,