

Guidance on writing a letter to your MLA:

1. Find out who your local MLA is at the link below
2. Insert your MLAs name in the letter
3. Put your own name on it
4. Post it in the STOP DEL CUTS post box in the Union or post/email it to your MLA directly
5. Tell your family and friends about it

<http://aims.niassembly.gov.uk/mlas/search.aspx>

This should be the format of your letter:

(Your Street and House number)
(Town)
(County)
(Postcode)

Dear (**Insert your home MLA's name here**),

These are some ideas you can put into your letter....

- A further 1,100 Northern Ireland students will be forced to go to GB to obtain a degree and have to pay £9,000 per annum in tuition fees.
- Whole subjects and departments will close further restricting NI's potential students' options.
- Sending many students overseas contributes to the brain drain in a region that very much needs to hold onto its brightest.
- Students who emigrate rarely return.
- Higher and Further education will be severely disadvantaged and lose its competitive edge in Northern Ireland. The standard of NI college/university degrees could suffer.
- External investment will be turned away losing NI potential jobs. We would be turning out less qualified individuals.
- NI economy will be stunted affecting ALL – not just students.
- We will be the ONLY part of the UK that is DISINVESTING in education.
- The draft itself is already a red flag to investors.

Yours sincerely,

(**Insert Name**)