

Writing a letter to a politician is always far more powerful if you can write it in your own words. Below are some suggestions about how you might like to structure your letter to Justine Greening.

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To The Rt. Hon Justine Greening MP
Secretary of State for International Development,
22 Whitehall
London, SW1A 2EG

Dear [address the letter to 'Secretary of State', or The Rt Hon Justine Greening MP],

1. Introduce yourself as a supporter of the campaign and outline why you think tackling land grabs is so important. Some points you might like to include:
 - One in eight of the world's people do not have enough to eat.
 - There is growing demand for buying up agricultural land in developing countries.
 - Land grabs can occur when the land is bought and sold without the consent of the people living and relying on the land.
 - This is happening on a massive scale - In the past decade an area of land eight times the size of the UK has been sold off or leased out globally. This land has the potential to grow food for a billion people - equivalent to the number of people who go hungry in the world today.
2. Say what you think needs to change. Some points you might like to include:
 - It is vital that the people have the right to know and the right to decide before the land they rely on is sold.
 - You can contrast this with what we expect for our own homes and families in Britain
3. Say why this year's G8 is such a big opportunity to launch a new Land Transparency Initiative. Some points you might like to include:
 - Britain has the chance to lead discussion with some of the world's most powerful countries.
 - There will be an important 'Trade, Tax and Transparency' summit on 15th June where land deal transparency will be discussed – a big opportunity.
 - A Land Transparency Initiative should cover transparency in land deals, and also make sure communities affected have a right to know and a right to decide about land deals affecting them.
 - G8 countries and especially the UK could ensure that companies and investors in their jurisdictions are being more transparent about investments that involve land.
4. Finish by asking the Secretary of State to use her influence to ensure the G8 helps to tackle land grabs. It is also important to thank her for taking the time to read your letter.

Yours sincerely

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