Dear James Brokenshire

I am writing to urge you to intervene in the case of Manjeet Kaur (Home Office number K1332632). After reading all the facts of her case, I am convinced that Manjeet should be given asylum in the UK.

Manjeet is an Afghan national and current Chair of RAPAR, the human rights organisation based in Manchester.

She came to this country three years ago after being subjected to a series of threats and attacks following the disappearance of her husband in India in February 2011. Before he disappeared, Amitt Bhatt, a campaigning journalist and Panun Kashmir activist, had been persecuted and attacked as a result of articles and books he had written criticising the Indian government’s policies in Kashmir. Manjeet helped with research and proof-reading for Amitt’s books, 'Lies and Genocide of the Indian Government' (2011) and '*Cryashmir'* (2009).

Following his disappearance, Manjeet was beaten at her home in Delhi on two occasions by a group of men who were looking for information about her husband’s whereabouts. They told her that, if they failed to find him, they would be back to rape and kill her. Manjeet uses a wheelchair due to paralysis resulting from polio and the injuries sustained from these attacks have worsened her condition. The violent assaults were reported to the police in India but no protection was offered to Manjeet, despite increased vulnerability due to her paralysis.

Manjeet left India in March 2011 in fear for her life. She came to the UK to be with family members who live in London because they could offer her the safety and support she needs. When she claimed asylum, Manjeet was housed in Manchester and now has numerous friends and supporters in the community. Her work with people who have disabilities include a project with the UK Disabled People’s Council.

Despite documents which show that she is from Afghanistan, the Home Office are seeking to return Manjeet to India where she has already been threatened, and where there is no-one to support her and 90% of the infrastructure is wheelchair inaccessible. She needs to be with her family and friends in the UK.

Manjeet ‘s asylum claim is supported by the Manchester and Salford branch of the National Union of Journalists which has worked with the International Federation of Journalists to establish what happened to Amitt.

I believe that Manjeet should be granted asylum in the UK and ask you to intervene in her case.

Yours,

(Name and postal address)