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Dear European friends and neighbours

Support for EU Citizens living in Mid Fife and Glenrothes Apply to the EU Settlement Scheme by 30 June 2021

With a year to go until the deadline for the UK Government's EU Settlement Scheme, I am writing to you as your constituency Member of the Scottish Parliament to make you aware that you can contact my office at any time to discuss any issues or concerns you have.

Although I would prefer you did not have to go through this process, please do not let next year's deadline pass without applying for settled status. You can get in touch with me at any time for help or advice with this or any other issue.

You can call my constituency office on 01592 764815 or you can email me at Jenny.Gilruth.msp@parliament.scot. I am holding regular telephone advice surgeries on Mondays and Fridays – please get in touch to make an appointment.

Apply for settled status

EU Citizens living in the UK have to apply for settled status as part of the UK Government's post-Brexit registration system. The deadline to do so is 30 June 2021.

The UK Government is advising that it is taking longer than usual to process applications because of Covid-19 coronavirus.

You can find more information about how to apply and support available from the Fife Centre for Equalities online at: <https://centreforequalities.org.uk/EUreferral>.

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Know your rights

I also want to share information about the Scottish Government's new guidance on the rights of EU citizens in Scotland to vote and work, and to access healthcare, education, housing and benefits.

The Scottish Government has made it a priority to support EU citizens during this time and has worked with JustRight Scotland, a legal and human rights organisation, to publish useful factsheets, which are available in English, Polish, Romanian, Lithuanian, Spanish and Italian. To access them, please visit: <https://justcitizens.scot/EU>.

My parliamentary colleagues and I believe that citizens from EU countries significantly enrich our society and make a huge contribution to Scotland's economy, communities and public services

There can be no doubt that Scotland's fight against Covid-19 has been helped by our EU citizens working and contributing to support our NHS and vital public services.

Please do not forget that Scotland is your home, you are welcome here, and you are valued.

I hope you will take the time to apply for settled status and continue to contribute to life in Fife and Scotland.

Take care,

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