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To whom it may concern,

This letter confirms the commitment of the University of Dundee to the Stand Alone Pledge.

Our University has a long history of inclusion, dating back to 1883 when Mary Ann Baxter supported the opening of our University College, ensuring female students could receive higher education. We have a strong record in widening participation and for some years have offered additional support for those from care, carer and estranged backgrounds. Consequently we are delighted to formalise our support for estranged students, especially as we hope this will encourage more to disclose their status, confident that they will have our support. Our inclusive approach can be considered to have two aspects - how we help applicants apply to the University and then secondly how we support them when they are students with us. You can read more about the former here: <https://uod.ac.uk/incontext> . The lead contact for support once students enter the University is Joan Muszynski (J.M.Muszynski@dundee.ac.uk), who is an expert in supporting our diverse student population and leads on Corporate Parent activity. All enquiries around support for estranged students should be guided in the first instance to Joan.

At a personal level, the Stand Alone Pledge is a proud marker of our mutual passion to improve the experiences and outcomes for estranged students and I look forward to working together on this.

Yours faithfully,



Professor Blair Grubb