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Dear Susan

**Solent University – Commitment to the Stand Alone Legacy Pledge**

Please accept this letter as confirmation of our commitment to the Stand Alone Legacy Pledge, and our public commitment to supporting students who are estranged.

At Solent, we are committed to supporting students from all socio-economic backgrounds, aiming to remove barriers which under-represented groups may face in accessing, succeeding in and progressing from Higher Education. We understand the challenges faced by estranged students in particular, and commit to continuing to offer a bursary, along with bespoke support throughout their studies, and at key times of the year, including during Welcome and to final year students.

We commit to continuous improvement and learning in this area, including working with the Students' Union, and listening to estranged students to forefront their lived experience and ensure that the support we provide is meaningful.

Finally, I would like to express my gratitude for all the fantastic work that you and Stand Alone have done over the years to campaign for and support estranged students. Like many others, I was saddened to hear the news of the charity closing but there is no doubt that the legacy will indeed live on. You have challenged the sector to think differently about estranged students and inspired us to do more – thank you for that.

I wish you all the best for your next chapter and hope our paths cross again in future.

Yours sincerely,



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Head of Student Success