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SUBJECT: STOP EXPANDING IMMIGRATION DETENTION

Dear Shabana Mahmood,

“We have stood outside detention centres to visit friends who were locked inside. We have listened to people who don’t know when they will be released, who are separated from their families and who are struggling with the uncertainty of what comes next.

We cannot simply watch the government build more detention capacity and call that progress.

Haslar and Campsfield should NOT be expanded.

We need to learn from the harm people have already experienced, not create more places for that harm to continue” – Marcia, Campaigner for These Walls Must Fall

Listen to the people and communities who know what immigration detention does. Stop the expansion..

Yours sincerely,

Turn over to add your name



WHAT DOES EXPANDING IMMIGRATION DETENTION MEAN FOR OUR COMMUNITIES?

Dear reader,

The government is determined to substantially expand the capacity of immigration detention in the UK. Two centres, or prisons, Haslar in Gosport and Campsfield near Oxford, will have 1,000 additional beds added between them in the coming year.

This expansion will have a detrimental impact on people who have migrated here and the communities we share. It will mean more immigration enforcement, more raids, more separated families, more detention and deportation, and more fear and uncertainty in people's everyday lives.

We believe expanding immigration detention gives ground to the far right and validates hostile narratives about migration.

We refuse to accept a politics where the narrative on immigration is set by bullies and thugs. Andy Burnham and Shabana Mahmood need to change the conversation on immigration, rather than reinforcing the hostility people are already living with.

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