**SAMPLE LETTER:**

Date\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Dear Candidate

The Department of the Environment, Community & Local Government has published proposals to amalgamate the fire services in your constituency. A similar proposal exists for the library service. These proposals have been promoted and supported by the Local Government Management Agency, based in Dublin.

IMPACT Trade Union has mobilised community support to oppose these proposals. The overwhelming majority of local elected representatives have supported our campaign. X and Y county councils have also adopted motions in support of our campaign.

The Union has established that the proposals are not driven by concern in relation to costs. The Union believes that the proposals are the last remaining attempts by parties to erode local democracy in our areas.

IMPACT believes that these proposals will substantially reduce, if not end communities chances of maintaining control of library and fire services in their area.

As a candidate in the forthcoming election, IMPACT is asking that you support our campaign by returning the following pledge to IMPACT before February 19th. You can do so by emailing Linda Casey – lcasey@impact.ie

Yours sincerely

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Branch Secretary [insert name]

**Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**To: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, IMPACT Branch Secretary**

Dear

I support IMPACT’s campaign to oppose the Department of the Environment, Community & Local Government and the Local Government Management Agency’s proposals to amalgamate library services and fire services respectively in my constituency. I will assist the Union in this campaign if I am elected to Dáil Éireann.

Yours sincerely

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