

# HOW TO CREATE A PETITION

## WHY MAKE A PETITION?

A petition that reaches 10,000 signatures will receive a response from Parliament, and a petition that reaches 100,000 signatures will be debated in Parliament. A petition is therefore the most accessible way for a member of the public to raise an issue in a way that could make a difference.

## HOW TO MAKE A PETITION:

- 1** Go to: [www.gov.uk/petition-government](http://www.gov.uk/petition-government) and click '**Start Now**'  
Choose a title under '**What do you want us to do**'.
- 2** **TIP:** Choose something that is eye catching but also informative e.g. '*SAVE OUR WATERS - Environmental Bill to impose large taxes on water companies for untreated sewage pollution*'
- 3** Under '**Tells us more about what you want us to do and why**' explain the problem that your petition is addressing.  
**TIP:** Write a concise but informative paragraph about the purpose behind the petition and find statistics to help add validity to your explanation
- 4** Confirm that you are a UK citizen and put your contact details in. Make sure you provide an email to receive updates about the petition's progress
- 5** Finally, you'll be emailed a link and you need to email this to 5 other people to confirm their support before this can become a petition, so make sure to share it!



**TOP TIP:** Make sure to share your petition on as many social media platforms as possible to raise enough signatures!