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Mr Petro Georgiou MP
House of Representatives
Parliament House
Canberra
ACT 2600

Dear Mr Georgiou,

It was with great regret that the Conference of Leaders of Religious Institutes (NSW) heard of your decision to leave parliament at the next election. You have honoured that great tradition of liberalism by consistently fighting for the human rights of refugees and asylum seekers. Many of our members work with refugees and asylum seekers and we have been enormously grateful for your courageous and compassionate stand on behalf of people seeking refuge in Australia.

We applaud your recent challenge to the government in relation to the time spent in detention and are secure in the knowledge that you will go on challenging and confronting legislation which does not do justice to the rights of desperate people seeking to start a new life free from fear and persecution.

The members of CLRI (NSW) wish you well in this your final parliamentary term and they asked me to write and express their gratitude for all you have done for refugees and asylum seekers in Australia and elsewhere.

With every good wish for Christmas and New Year.

Yours sincerely,

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for CLRI (NSW)
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