**European Elections Email Template**

Dear Candidate,

I am writing to you to ask you to show your support for charities, community and voluntary organisations and social enterprises in your constituency by signing the *Community Matters* pledge.

Please sign the pledge here: [www.wheel.ie/elections](http://www.wheel.ie/elections). We also ask that you publicly support *Community Matters* by using the hashtag #ValueCommunity in your social media posts. This will help voters in your constituency to prioritise the candidates who prioritise them.

At a time when the European Union faces increasing challenges and division, it is important that the voices of all our citizens are heard in the European Parliament and that civil society organisations have an opportunity to help shape the policies that affect the communities they support.

Charities, community and voluntary organisations and social enterprises are the backbone of every local community in Ireland. They champion diversity and inclusion and provide essential supports for the most vulnerable in our society. Without a thriving nonprofit sector, so much of the vibrancy of civic engagement would be lost - and so, we are asking you to use your voice to be our champion in Europe.

My organisation , <insert name of organisation>, <add details of your, work e.g. works in the community/provides X service/advocates> on behalf of X and without the dedicated work of our staff and volunteers X number of people/an important group within your constituency would not receive the <help/services/advocacy> they need and deserve.

Our organisation faces a variety of challenges and obstacles to the delivery and long term sustainability of our work. We are asking candidates to support the following principles:

1. Valuing the nonprofit sector
2. Making the future secure
3. Listening local-advocating national
4. Focusing on those we support
5. Giving uss a seat at the table.

By signing the *Community Matters* pledge, you are showing your support for charities, community and voluntary organisations and social enterprises across Ireland and recognising the value they bring to your community.

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*Our Community Matters!*

Best,

<YOUR NAME >

<ROLE OR JOB TITLE

<NAME OF ORGANISATION>