Template letter to political leaders

Dear [Candidate/party leader/press office],

**Support the NUJ’s call for #InclusivePressAccess**

Journalists play an important democratic role in scrutinising and reporting on political party manifestos, activities and announcements, sharing information with the public that informs voting intention.

It is vital for disabled journalists to have direct access to political candidates and party events in order to hold them to account and question their policies.

My union, tthe National Union of Journalists is therefore calling on all political parties to consider accessibility when organising events.

We call on[party name] to demonstrate a commitment to inclusive press access:

* Dedicate Access Coordinators at national and constituency level to support inclusion and act as a point of contact for access queries.
* Ensure information such as leaflets and manifestos are available in accessible and digital formats.
* Ensure social media content sharing manifesto pledges or campaign activities are accessible by using captions, text descriptions and accessible design.
* Use accessible venues and locations for press events.
* Provide remote access to press conferences for disabled journalists, including the opportunity to participate in Q&As.

I welcome your response to our calls for action so that I can share information with colleagues

Yours etc…