I am a voter in your constituency, and I am getting in touch with you to ask about your support for Irish charities, community and voluntary groups and social enterprises.

I am a member of Spina Bifida Hydrocephalus Ireland (SBHI), a charity organisation that that fosters an environment in which every person affected by spina bifida and hydrocephalus can lead a fulfilled life in Ireland.

SBHI delivers support through a dedicated Family Support Worker team, Recreation and Respite team, SBHI Resource Centre (Clonshaugh), Training and Education team, and the National Resource Centre, Clondalkin.

One of SBHI’s most exciting work is that of the SHINE summer project which sees 50 individuals living with spina bifida and or hydrocephalus attending five separate week-long residential camps that facilitate independence training, peer support, and social opportunities.

I am a strong supporter of the invaluable work being done by the sector across Ireland and in this constituency. General Election 2020 – and your candidacy - presents an important opportunity to further support this work and enable Ireland to become a world leader in active participation, volunteering, community activity, social well-being and health.

I encourage you to sign The Wheel’s Stronger Communities, Stronger Ireland manifesto, to publicly demonstrate your support for the Irish charity, community and voluntary, and social enterprise sector.