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HOUSE OF COMMONS
LONDON SW1A 0AA

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Dear Constituent,

RE: UK AID.

Thank you for your recent correspondence in respect of our aid budget.

Ministers argue that the UK's development budget is an important part of securing Britain's place in the world, meeting its responsibilities to the world's poorest, but in doing so best serving and protecting our own security and interests. Spending 0.7 percent of Gross National Income on assistance to developing nations and international emergencies, helps deliver a more secure and prosperous UK, while having a life-saving impact on the ground.

They maintain, whether it's stepping up our support for desperate Syrian refugees, tackling the lethal legacy of landmines, or giving life-saving aid to stop people dying of hunger in East Africa, UK aid is keeping Britain safe, while helping the world's poorest stand on their own two feet.

Government reports suggest that, over the last five years, UK aid has been life-saving and life-changing for millions of the poorest people around the world. Between 2011 and 2015, the Department for International Development (DFID) has supported over 11 million children in school and helped more than 60 million people get access to clean water, better sanitation and improved hygiene conditions. DFID is also leading the global effort to save millions of girls from child marriage and Female Genital Mutilation.

The Government believes the UK's aid commitment means we can be proud to be a country that not only meets its responsibilities to the world's poorest, but in doing so, best protects its own security and interests.

Once again, thank you for having taken the time to contact me and if I can ever be of any further assistance to you then please do not hesitate to contact me again.

With best wishes

Tom

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As we leave the EU, I also believe that we can do right by developing countries through free trade - the best long-term solution to poverty.

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