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HOUSE OF COMMONS
LONDON SW1A 0AA

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New Constituent,

RE: FOX HUNTING

Thank you for your recent correspondence in respect of fox hunting.

I appreciate the strong feelings many people have on this issue and I share your concern for ensuring the welfare of animals. The Government's manifesto includes a free vote on hunting, but there are no plans to bring forward a free vote in this session.

In the event of such a vote, I would vote to repeal the Act. In my judgement it does nothing to protect wild animals and, in many cases, is actually detrimental to animal welfare when other methods of control are deployed, a number of which can be indiscriminate.

I am sorry if this is not the response you were seeking, but I do appreciate that many people have strongly held views about hunting.

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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