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HOUSE OF COMMONS

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Dear Constituent,

RE: WAR ON WANT

Thank you for your recent correspondence in respect of a number of issues raised by War on Want.

Following the decision to leave the EU, the UK now has the ability to shape its own trade policy. There are many opportunities and responsibilities that come with this.

Free trade is one of the most powerful tools we have to help those in the greatest need around the world. Research shows that trade is one of the best liberators of global poverty, as seen in China and India. The UK will seek to be a global advocate for free trade, ensuring that government works together to help eradicate global poverty, including as part of a future UK trade policy.

I am also assured that the Government takes its arms export responsibilities very seriously, and operates one of the most rigorous arms export control regimes in the world. Each application is considered on a case-by-case basis against the Consolidated EU and National Arms Export Licensing Criteria, taking into account the precise nature of the equipment and the identity and track record of the recipient.

Finally, I fully recognise the importance of strong workers' rights. That is why I am glad that the Prime Minister has said that workers' rights will be fully protected and maintained. A Great Repeal Bill will convert current EU law into domestic law, wherever practical. This will guarantee existing workers' legal rights as set out in EU legislation and it will provide certainty to the UK workforce.

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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It should not be forgotten that the UK has often been at the forefront on workers rights - for example, it is not the EU that has introduced the 'Living Wage', but this Government.

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