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*Jew Constituent,*

**RE: ALLEGED BREACHES OF ELECTORAL LAW DURING EU REFERENDUM CAMPAIGN.**

Thank you for your correspondence in respect of the alleged breaches of electoral law during the EU referendum campaign.

The referendum was one of the largest democratic exercises in the UK's history and over 17.4 million people voted to leave the EU. The Government has been clear that the result must be respected and I fully support this approach.

Allegations on potential breaches of electoral law have focused on whether spending by different referendum campaign groups – on both sides of the argument - was fully declared. The independent Electoral Commission oversees the conduct of elections in the UK and regulates political finance. As such, it is for the Electoral Commission, rather than for the Government, to investigate any breaches of electoral law. As I am sure you can appreciate, I would not wish to comment on an on-going investigation.

The Electoral Commission will publish its findings in due course and the Government will continue to implement the referendum result. Agreement has recently been reached with the EU on citizens' rights, the financial settlement and the implementation period. Discussions on the future relationship between the UK and the EU will begin shortly.

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

*With best wishes,*

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