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HOUSE OF COMMONS

LONDON SW1A 0AA

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Dear Constituent,

RE: FUNDING FOR SUPPORTED HOUSING (ST MUNGO'S CAMPAIGN).

Thank you for contacting me recently about supported housing and homelessness; your comments upon which I read with great interest.

I understand your concerns regarding the new funding model for supported housing. As a lifeline for many vulnerable people, including the homeless, I am committed to protecting these homes and the people who live in them. I believe that the new funding model will do just that, by putting the supported housing sector on a sustainable and stable footing.

Funding for short-term supported housing will be provided through locally administered, ring-fenced grants, underpinned by a new, comprehensive, local planning and oversight regime that will be continuously reviewed. I am confident that this will enable a more localised approach to providing accommodation for some of the most vulnerable people in this country.

Furthermore, I welcome that Local Housing Allowance rates will not be applied to tenants in supported housing, nor to the wider social rented sector. This means that long-term supported housing costs will continue to be covered fully through the welfare system.

On the wider issue of homelessness, I support the Government's aim of halving rough sleeping by 2022 and eliminating it altogether by 2027. Following the implementation of the *Homelessness Reduction Act* in April, I am more confident than ever that this aim will be achieved.

I would also like to pay tribute to the excellent work that St Mungo's do and the importance of their campaigns in highlighting the issues around homelessness. I am pleased that the CEO of St Mungo's, Howard Sinclair, has been included on the Government's Rough Sleeping Advisory Panel.

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

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