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HOUSE OF COMMONS

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Dear Constituent,

RE: UNICEF TOXIC AIR CAMPAIGN.

Thank you for your recent correspondence in respect of toxic air and Unicef's 'Healthy Air for Every Child: A Call for National Action' campaign; your comments upon which I read with great interest.

I understand your concerns about the impact of air pollution on young children. Air quality has improved significantly since 2010, but sixty years on from the *Clean Air Act* air pollution is still making people ill, shortening lives and damaging our economy and environment.

I welcome the Government's new *Clean Air Strategy* which aims to cut air pollution and save lives, backed up by new primary legislation. The strategy details how the UK will go further and faster than the EU in reducing exposure to particulate matter pollution.

The strategy has been consulted upon and forms a key part of the *25 Year Plan to Improve the Environment*. It sets out a goal to halve the number of people living in locations with concentrations of particulate matter above WHO guidelines, legislate to give councils more powers to improve air quality and ensure only the cleanest domestic fuels and stoves can be sold.

Other measures include requiring and supporting farmers to invest in reducing emissions of ammonia, working with international partners on new standards for tyres and brakes to reduce emissions of harmful microplastics, investing in research and innovation and a personal air quality messaging system to keep the public informed.

This action supplements the £3.5 billion plan to reduce air pollution from road transport and diesel vehicles as set out last year. The investment includes £1 billion to support the uptake of ultra-low emission vehicles, nearly £0.5 billion to help local authorities implement local air quality plans and about £90 million through the Green Bus fund.

I believe that together, these plans will help us grow a stronger and cleaner economy.

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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