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HOUSE OF COMMONS

LONDON SW1A 0AA

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Dear Constituent,
RE: AUTISM AWARENESS WEEK.

Thank you for your recent correspondence in respect of Autism Awareness Week; your comments upon which I read with great interest.

Autism is a complex condition which affects many people in very different ways. In recent times, great progress has been made in improving our understanding of autism. However, I believe there is much more work to be done, and I am pleased to see that there are efforts being made across government and throughout society to support those with autism.

Unfortunately, I was unable to attend the debate on autism in Parliament; however I am pleased to say that my ministerial colleagues are continuing to build on the advances made since the establishment of the *Autism Act* in 2009.

I welcome the recent announcement that the *National Autism Strategy*, first established in 2010, will be reviewed, and is currently undergoing consultation. My colleagues in the Department of Health and Social Care have requested that autistic people of all ages, their families, their carers, and organisations and professionals that provide care and support to autistic people, or work with autistic people, submit evidence - you can find more information by following the link below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/review-of-the-national-autism-strategy-think-autism-call-for-evidence>

Separately, there is also a consultation ongoing around the training and development staff need to better support people with a learning disability or autistic people. You can participate in this consultation by following the link below - please be aware that the deadline is the 12th April 2019!

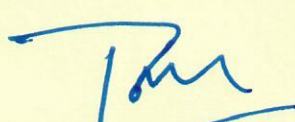
<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/learning-disability-and-autism-training-for-health-and-care-staff>

These consultations will help to ensure that people are receiving the care that they should be, and that this care is properly implemented throughout the health and care workforce.

I hope I have been able to offer you some reassurance that the Government is implementing significant measures to support people with autism.

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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