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HOUSE OF COMMONS

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New Complaint,

RE: IMPACT OF DOMESTIC ABUSE ON CHILDREN.

Thank you for your recent correspondence in respect of the impact of domestic abuse on children; your comments upon which I have read with great interest.

Whilst I am afraid I was unable to attend the event you kindly invited me to, like you, I believe that all our children and young people should get the best possible start in life and I applaud the work being done to raise awareness of the impact adverse childhood experiences can have. From the outset, I want to reassure you that wide-ranging action is being taken to reduce the number of children who go through adverse childhood experiences.

I am encouraged that the *Domestic Abuse Bill* was a major priority in the previous Parliament and that it has been reintroduced as a central part of the Queen's Speech.

The Bill contains important new measures that will help protect more children from the devastating impact of domestic abuse, as well as increasing support for victims and their families. This includes the creation of a statutory definition of domestic abuse in its many forms and increased protection for victims who have sadly experienced domestic abuse.

Furthermore, measures contained in the *NHS Long Term Plan* will improve the support available for children to minimise the impact of adverse childhood experiences, including through increasing the funding available for mental health services by at least £2.3 billion a year by 2023-24. By 2023-2024, at least an additional 345,000 children and young people aged 0-25 will be able to access support via NHS funded mental health services and school or college-based mental health support teams. This will enable faster access to community and crisis mental health services for children and young people.

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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