



HOUSE OF COMMONS

LONDON SW1A 0AA

15th June 2020

Dear Constance,

RE: CORONAVIRUS - SUPPORT FOR RENTERS

Thank you for contacting me recently about support for renters during the Coronavirus emergency; your comments upon which I have read with great interest.

Coronavirus is the biggest challenge the UK has faced in decades – and we are not alone. All over the world we are seeing the devastating impact of this disease.

As we move into the second phase of the Government's response to Coronavirus, Ministers are focused not just on saving lives, but also on saving livelihoods. That's why they are taking unprecedented action to support businesses, jobs and our economy.

No one who has been impacted by Coronavirus should have to worry about getting back on their feet – including renters. That is why we have announced a package of measures to ensure no renter who has lost income due to Coronavirus will be forced out of their home.

The Government recently extended its moratorium on evictions until the 23rd August 2020, meaning nobody can be evicted from their home this summer, even if proceedings have previously begun.

We have also announced nearly £1 billion of support for renters, by increasing the generosity of Housing Benefit and Universal Credit, so that the Local Housing Allowance will cover at least 30 percent of market rents in local areas.

These changes will protect all renters and private landlords, ensuring everyone gets the support they need at this very difficult time.

As you can appreciate, this is a fast-moving situation. I would strongly advise you to check the Government website at gov.uk/coronavirus, for the very latest information about the support being made available to help people through this challenging time.

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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