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HOUSE OF COMMONS

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*Jean Comfrent,*

**RE: BOYCOTT RULING (STOP BDS).**

Thank you for your recent correspondence in respect of the Israel-Britain Alliance campaign on local government pensions guidance and foreign policy; your comments upon which I have read with great interest.

At issue in the case was if the *Public Service Pensions Act 2013* conferred the necessary powers to the Secretary of State for two provisions in the *Local Government Pension Scheme (Management and Investment of Funds) Regulations 2016*. Although the Supreme Court upheld the High Court decision, I would note that the decision passed by only a bare majority.

I have been assured new legislation will be brought in to address the points raised in the court case. Please be assured that the Government is committed to ensuring public bodies are consistent with investments and stop introducing local boycotts, which undermine community cohesion and sow distrust. I do not believe it is right for local councils to try to influence foreign policy decisions which are properly the purview of the UK Government.

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,*  
*Tom*

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