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HOUSE OF COMMONS

LONDON SW1A 0AA

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Jew Constituent,

RE: PROTECTING GIRLS IN CRISIS.

Thank you for your recent correspondence in respect of protecting girls in crisis.

I know the UK works with a wide range of international partners to ensure the best results for girls across the world. I am proud of the leadership that the UK has shown, supporting the UN and national governments to keep girls safe. This includes the largest ever single investment to help end Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) in the world: the UK is providing an extra £50 million to support the Africa-led movement to end FGM by 2030 and provide better protection for vulnerable girls.

Moreover, educating girls is the tool that can address a whole host of the world's economic and social problems and, alongside all 53 members of the Commonwealth, the UK is working to help provide 12 years of quality education for all girls by 2030. I welcome the appointment of Baroness Sugg as the Special Envoy for Girls' Education - a new role which will help accelerate progress towards this target.

Girls' education is one of the five foundations of the UK's wider development work on gender equality, and between 2015 and 2019, the UK supported 5.8 million girls to gain a decent education. In 2018, the Prime Minister, then as Foreign Secretary, launched the 'Leave No Girl Behind' campaign. The campaign gets girls learning, builds international political commitment and boosts global investment. Our 'Girls Education Challenge' is the world's largest fund dedicated to girls' education and is supporting up to 1.5 million marginalised girls in 17 countries around the world.

I will also happily pass on your comments to the Foreign Secretary and continue to follow closely how the UK will continue to ensure the best results for girls across the world.

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,
A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Tom'.

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