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**HOUSE OF COMMONS**  
LONDON SW1A 0AA

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*Dear Constituent,*

**RE: JAGTAR SINGH JOHAL**

Thank you for your recent correspondence in respect of Jagtar Singh Johal, for whom I share your concern.

I would like to assure you that Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) staff have been working hard to provide consular assistance to Mr Johal and his family, and that representations are regularly made by the British High Commissioner directly to the Government of India on behalf of Mr Johal.

Indeed, HM Government takes the opinion of the United Nations Working Group on Arbitrary Detention on Mr Johal very seriously, and has raised allegations of torture and mistreatment, and the right to a fair trial, when citing concerns about Mr Johal's case with the Government of India at both official and ministerial levels.

I know HMG will continue to look to raise concerns about Mr Johal's case at all appropriate opportunities, such as when the Prime Minister raised Mr Johal's case directly with Prime Minister Modi on his visit to India on the 22<sup>nd</sup> April, and when the Foreign Secretary raised Mr Johal's detention with India's Minister of External Affairs, Subrahmanyam Jaishankar, on the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022.

Mr Johal's welfare continues to be a priority, as is ensuring his ongoing access to his legal representatives. Consular staff have attended a number of hearings in Mr Johal's case in an observer capacity, and did so on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> June. Lord Ahmad, as the lead FCDO Minister in Mr Johal's case, has also met Mr Johal's family and his constituency MP, Martin Docherty-Hughes, to discuss his case on a number of occasions.

I appreciate that this is a desperately difficult and distressing time for Mr Johal, his family and many in the Sikh community, and I will certainly continue to follow his case closely.

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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