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*Dear Constituent,*

Thank you for contacting me about UK spending on overseas aid.

This country has been and always will be open and outward-looking, leading in solving the world's toughest problems and striving to be a force for good in the world. Whether it's stepping up to support desperate Syrians and Yemenis in conflict zones, leading the way in eradicating Ebola and malaria, or supporting millions of children to gain a decent education, I am proud that UK aid is keeping the UK safe while helping the world's poorest stand on their own two feet. I have been assured that the UK will continue to protect the world's poorest.

At this time of unprecedented crisis however, tough choices must be made, which is why the Chancellor has announced a temporary reduction in the UK's aid budget from 0.7% to 0.5% of the UK's national income – a decision allowed for in the legislation of the 0.7%.

I am encouraged that the UK will spend more than £10 billion next year to fight poverty, tackle climate change, support girls' education, resolve conflicts and improve global health.

I am told that the UK will return to 0.7% when the fiscal situation allows and will be following this closely.

Thank you again for taking the time to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

**CHRIS HEATON-HARRIS MP  
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