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Dear Constituent,

Thank you for contacting me about the recent protests and blockades at oil terminals.

I was appalled to see the disruption caused by the groups Just Stop Oil and Extinction Rebellion. Hard-working people across the UK are seeing their lives brought to a standstill by these selfish and dangerous so-called activists.

Quite frankly, this type of repeated protest activity is unacceptable. I am encouraged that the Government is legislating, through the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act, to enhance the police's ability to manage protests, to allow essential services to continue unabated and to ensure that the day-to-day lives of the overwhelming majority are not disrupted by a selfish minority. It is vital that this legislation completes its passage through Parliament as a matter of urgency to ensure its provisions come into force as soon as possible.

The measures in the Act, which received Royal Assent today, will allow the police to take a more proactive approach in managing highly disruptive protests causing serious disruption to the public. For example, it will, amongst other areas, widen the range of conditions that the police can impose on static protests to match existing police powers to impose conditions on marches, broaden the range of circumstances in which police may impose conditions on a protest and restate the common law offence of public nuisance in statute.

In the immediate term, the Home Secretary has given the police her full backing in doing everything necessary to address this public nuisance. I also encourage people to continue to purchase fuel as normal.

Thank you again for taking the time to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

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