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Dear Constituent,

Thank you for contacting me about the prospect of the release of Robert Brown.

This was an appalling crime, and my thoughts remain with Joanna Simpson's family and friends.

I understand that the public is concerned that Mr. Brown is due to be released from prison on licence in November, which is the halfway point of his sentence.

I can assure you that the Secretary of State for Justice is giving this case his closest personal attention and that he will do everything in his power to keep the most dangerous offenders behind bars. I am aware that the new Victims and Prisoners Bill which has been introduced to Parliament will, once passed, provide Ministers the power to veto the release of dangerous prisoners, even if it is approved by the Parole Board. The Secretary of State is clear that protecting the public is a top priority and he is absolutely determined to follow through on that principle.

I will continue to monitor this issue closely.

Thank you again for taking the time to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

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