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Dear Constituent,

Thank you for contacting me about antisemitism. I would like to make it clear that I condemn all acts of antisemitism in the strongest possible terms. Any discrimination or intimidation based on religion or race is deplorable and must not be tolerated.

In response to antisemitic incidents in the wake of Hamas' terrorist attacks in Israel, the UK Government has announced £3 million of additional funding to the Community Security Trust. This will support the Trust in placing additional guards in schools it supports and placing additional security staff outside synagogues.

Let me assure you that work continues to tackle the scourge of antisemitism. The United Kingdom was the first country to adopt the working definition of antisemitism as set by the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance, setting an example for the world to follow.

The Hate Crime Action Plan prioritises prevention by challenging the prejudice, improves security measures for vulnerable faith institutions, and encourages more victims to report hate crime. Security is a major concern for many people, which is why the Government has provided over £65 million to date for the Protective Security Grant to protect Jewish schools and community buildings. The Government also continues to work closely with the Community Security Trust, which helps to ensure the security of 650 Jewish communal buildings and 1,000 events every year. Meetings addressing antisemitism are held regularly, and roundtables take place periodically with Jewish community stakeholders.

We should not forget that education is a vital tool in the fight against antisemitism. I support action which has been taken to ensure the lessons of the Holocaust are not forgotten. In the past decade, over £14 million has been provided for the Lessons from Auschwitz programme, which supports students and teachers to visit the concentration camp. In addition, the Government is committed to building a national Holocaust Memorial and Learning Centre which will serve as a lasting tribute to the six million Jewish men, women and children who were murdered in the Holocaust, and other victims of Nazi persecution. I understand that new legislation will be introduced to progress the construction of the memorial.

I will continue to speak out in Parliament about the importance of tackling antisemitism in all its forms.



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Thank you again for taking the time to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

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

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