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**HOUSE OF COMMONS**  
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*Dear Constituent,*

**RE: DRUG POLICY REFORM (CANNABIS)**

Thank you for contacting me about drugs.

The Government's priorities are clear; it wants to reduce illegal drug use and believes that there is a deterrence effect in criminalisation which is useful to maintain. The Government is also very supportive of all the efforts being made, especially by those who are addicted themselves, to come off drugs for good.

These priorities are based around three themes: reducing the demand of drugs through early intervention; restricting the supply of drugs through joined up local enforcement; and revolutionising recovery. The drugs strategy puts recovery at the heart of the Government's response to tackling drugs, increasing the onus on individuals to overcome their dependency.

I remain confident that the Government's ambitious approach to tackling drugs outlined in its drugs strategy is the right one. More drug treatments are being completed and individuals are now significantly better placed to recover and live their lives free from drugs.

The Government does not recognise cannabis in its raw form to have any medicinal purposes. Our current laws draw on the best available evidence, and it is worth noting that official advice from the Advisory Council on the Misuse of Drugs confirms that cannabis is a significant public health issue.

Thank you again for taking the time to contact me.

*Yours sincerely,*

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jeremy Quin'.