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HOUSE OF COMMONS
LONDON SW1A 0AA

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Dear Constituent,

RE: VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS (UPDATE)

Thank you for contacting me about what the Government is doing to tackle violence against women and girls (VAWG) around the world.

I welcome ActionAid's commitment to addressing VAWG. Ending the global scandal of VAWG is a top priority for the Department for International Development (DFID). I am proud of the leadership that the UK has shown on tackling VAWG globally: in the past five years, DFID has nearly doubled its programming to address this issue in humanitarian contexts and now has 127 programmes tackling this abuse in its many forms, including prevention of, and response to, domestic violence, acid attacks, FGM and child, early and forced marriage.

For example, the UK is supporting the UN Trust Fund to End Violence Against Women, which specialises in providing grants for small women's and civil society organisations to tackle violence. In 2015, the UK provided £2.25 million of support to the Trust and the programme reached over 1 million people.

The UK's £36 million programme to end Child, Early and Forced Marriage is helping thousands of girls and the Government has also committed £8 million to support AmplifyChange, an initiative to support civil society activists to end child marriage and address a broader range of gender issues.

I am proud that the recent Independent Commission for Aid Impact review into DFID's efforts to eliminate violence against women and girls gave DFID's performance a 'Green' rating, which is the highest mark.

I hope this reassures you that the Government is committed prioritising girls and women, including tackling VAWG, and that it will continue to pursue an ambitious agenda in this area.

Thank you again for taking the time to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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