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HOUSE OF COMMONS
LONDON SW1A 0AA

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Dear Constituent,

RE: CHILDREN OF MOSUL

Thank you for contacting me about children in Mosul.

The protection of civilians during armed conflict is a priority for the UK and its allies. When it comes to children, all efforts must be made to protect them from harm. The international coalition against Daesh is aiming to liberate Mosul in a way that minimises the humanitarian impact.

The International Development Secretary has urged all parties in the conflict to ensure aid agencies get the access and support they need and that international humanitarian law is upheld. The Iraqi Government has committed to protecting civilians during the conflict, which I welcome.

The UK has committed £169.5 million since summer 2014 to help those affected by Daesh in Iraq, and this included £40 million in new funding announced in September to help put in place essential humanitarian support ahead of the military operation. With this, our partners are providing assistance, including shelter and support kits for 66,000 people, comprising vital equipment for any displaced family, such as blankets, plastic sheets, buckets and other containers for water, cooking items and soap. It also facilitates emergency healthcare for 42,000 people, through four mobile medical teams, upgraded emergency medical surgeries, three ambulances and two health facilities with equipment, medication and light rehabilitation.

With regards to those people who choose to leave Mosul, the UK is working with partners to ensure stabilisation efforts allow internally displaced persons to return to their homes safely.

Thank you again for taking the time to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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