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HOUSE OF COMMONS
LONDON SW1A 0AA

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Dear Constituent,

RE: DIGITAL ECONOMY BILL

Thank you for contacting me about the Digital Economy Bill.

The UK is a world leader in the digital economy and efforts to support this position formed a core part of the 2015 Conservative manifesto. The UK has the highest per capita rate of online sales of all major economies and a rate of job creation in digital industries nearly three times as fast as in the rest of the economy.

Through the Digital Economy Bill, the Government is working tirelessly to help people and businesses to benefit from the digital economy. It is vital that we ensure our laws and infrastructure keep pace with technological change, tackle the problems the change brings and seize on the opportunities.

The Government is already investing £1.7 billion in broadband roll-out and nine out of every 10 homes and businesses can now access superfast speeds. It is also on track to achieve its manifesto commitment to deliver access to superfast broadband to at least 95 per cent of the UK by the end of 2017. The Bill will introduce a Universal Service Obligation so every premise in the country will have access to broadband at a speed of 10Mbps as an absolute minimum by the end of this Parliament. The measures in this Bill will also drive investment in digital infrastructure by giving communications providers the ability to install and update equipment at less cost and with fewer regulatory hurdles.

In addition, we need a legal framework that enables information to be used and processed for the public benefit. The Bill contains a number of new provisions that will prevent spam email and nuisance calls unless you have given consent, introduce age verification measures to protect children from viewing online pornography and give new powers for Ofcom in respect of information provision allowing for greater access to the information that matters to consumers.

Thank you again for taking the time to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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