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

**RE: SYRIA**

Thank you for contacting me about the situation in Syria.

The scenes from Syria, and Aleppo in particular, have been absolutely heart-breaking. We are seeing shocking levels of violence with the Syrian regime and Russia indiscriminately bombing. I can assure you that the Government is continuing its efforts to persuade both sides to agree and maintain ceasefires to allow evacuations to take place and then work towards a political solution.

The UK is currently working with international partners to try to find a way through this horrific situation. Britain is taking a lead, alongside our allies America and France, in highlighting what is happening in Syria. We have also been putting pressure on Syria and Russia through the UN Security Council.

As well as diplomatic efforts, we are also at the forefront of the humanitarian response in the region. The UK has pledged £2.3 billion to the Syria crisis and is the second largest humanitarian donor after the US.

The situation in Syria is raised regularly in Parliament, including at Foreign Office Questions and International Development Questions. These occasions provide MPs from all parties with an opportunity to press Ministers on what they are doing to alleviate the suffering in Syria. Further to this, there was an emergency debate regarding the humanitarian situation in Aleppo in October, an Urgent Question on the issue on 28 November and a further emergency debate this month.

I can assure you that I will keep monitoring developments and ensure that the Government is doing all it can to work towards a political solution to this conflict. I do however, alas, feel that the ability of the Western powers to influence events on the ground in Syria is significantly diminished by our countries' reluctance (supported by our peoples) to intervene militarily in the conflict. We are doing our utmost to put pressure on the protagonists but Russia has shown little inclination to put pressure on its ally to come to the table for a long-term solution.

Thank you again for taking the time to contact me.

*Yours sincerely,*

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