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

**RE: SPORTS FUNDING**

Thank you for contacting me about recent decisions on Olympic sport funding.

As I am sure you will agree, the outstanding achievements of Team GB and Paralympics GB in Rio were a testament to the hard work of British athletes, coaches and support staff over recent years. I know the Government has tasked UK Sport with building on this success as we look to Tokyo 2020.

As such, UK Sport recently announced its investment decisions for Tokyo 2020 and I understand that this led to disappointment for some. UK Sport was clear that it would love to invest in every Olympic and Paralympic sport with medal potential but that it must prioritise certain sports in order to protect and enhance the medal potential within the system. These are decisions made by UK Sport based on their approach that has delivered unprecedented success at the Olympic and Paralympic Games.

As a consequence, five sports that UK Sport invested in for their Rio potential - archery, badminton, fencing, weightlifting and wheelchair rugby - have had their funding withdrawn. UK Sport has made clear that this should not be interpreted as a criticism of past performance, progress or commitment of any of the sports or athletes affected. It is a matter of affordability and priorities and the need to invest what it costs to win in the sports with the strongest future medal potential in Tokyo. The door has not shut to sports that have not received funding from UK Sport and Sport England has funding that can help support sports develop from the grassroots up.

I understand your concern about the loss of elite funding for Badminton in particular and I know this was a difficult decision for UK Sport. Badminton is a very popular sport at grassroots level and I welcome that it has recently been announced that Badminton England will receive £7.25m in funding at this level from the National Lottery and Government, which will be used to inspire more young people to play, get more coaches coaching and get more players competing.

Thank you again for taking the time to contact me.

*Yours sincerely,*

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