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HOUSE OF COMMONS
LONDON SW1A 0AA

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Dear Constituent,

RE: BACK YOUR BOOKIE

Thank you for contacting me about local bookmakers.

I can assure you that the Government is aware of the role that betting shops and the wider gaming industry plays in the leisure economy. It employs over 100,000 people and in 2015 contributed £10.3bn to the economy. It is also the case that the industry can have adverse impacts on particular individuals – concerns that the industry and regulation have a role in addressing. The aim of the Government is to ensure that legislation in this area strikes the right balance between allowing the industry to prosper and contribute to the economy while ensuring consumers and communities are protected.

That is why the Government launched a call for evidence on various aspects of the gambling industry, including considering the maximum stakes and prizes for gaming machines. The review gathered evidence to fully assess current rules and protocols in the gambling sector and the Government is now considering the responses before making decisions on any necessary amendments to gambling regulation.

Thank you again for taking the time to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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