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*Dear Constituent,*

Thank you for contacting me about your question on anti-semitism and anti-Zionism.

I support the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) definition of anti-semitism, which has been designed to clarify whether words or actions are anti-semitic.

Anti-Zionism is defined as opposition to the state of Israel. The IHRA definition of antisemitism sets out that some criticism of Israel is anti-semitic, including denying the Jewish people their right to self-determination, holding Jews collectively responsible for actions of the state of Israel, accusing Jewish citizens of being more loyal to Israel than to the interests of their own nations, using the symbols and images associated with classic anti-semitism and drawing comparisons of contemporary Israeli policy to that of the Nazis. I believe any criticism of Israel falling within this definition to be anti-semitic.

The UK shares a deep and meaningful relationship with Israel, but our friendship does not prohibit our criticism of some Israeli policies. Equally, however, I recognise Israel as a thriving democracy and an example to the rest of the world for overcoming adversity.

Thank you again for taking the time to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Chris'.

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