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Dear Constituent,

Thank you for contacting me about Yemen.

I share your concerns regarding the crisis in Yemen and the plight of the Yemeni people who are caught up in the conflict. The UK is leading the international effort to respond to the crisis in Yemen through both our humanitarian response and diplomatic influence.

Since the conflict began, the UK has committed over £1 billion of humanitarian funding, which has helped meet the immediate food needs of millions of Yemenis, treated thousands of children for malnutrition and provided over one million people with improved water supply and basic sanitation; and such support will continue for as long as is necessary.

The UK has been at the forefront of international diplomatic efforts to bring a peaceful solution to the appalling conflict in Yemen, fully supporting the UN Secretary-General and the UN Special Envoy's peace plan. The Prime Minister discussed Yemen with the Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman last September, and British officials have continued to engage with all parties concerned since. This has been done bilaterally and via the UN Security Council, where the UK's has used its role as a penholder to move the peace process forward and ensure that Yemen continues to be a top priority for the international community.

The UK's long-standing position on Yemen is that there is no military solution to this conflict, and only a political settlement can bring long-term stability to Yemen and tackle the worsening humanitarian crisis. I have been assured that the UK is not a party to the military conflict as part of the Saudi-led coalition.

I welcome the move by President Biden to review US foreign policy towards Yemen. I am told that our Ambassador in Washington has already met with the new US Envoy and I know that the UK will continue to engage with the US and other UN allies to bring about a viable solution to the crisis in Yemen.

Thank you again for taking the time to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

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