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Dear Constituent,

Thank you for contacting me about the Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill.

I understand that this Bill has been developed by campaign members of Extinction Rebellion, Big Ask and Power for the People. Let me be clear: tackling climate change is a priority for this Government and to demonstrate this the UK was the first G7 country to legislate to achieve net zero emissions by 2050.

While I can understand that you want this target to be achieved sooner; aiming for zero emissions by 2030 is almost certainly impossible, would be hugely disruptive to people and the economy and thus risks undermining the consensus that currently exists on this issue.

The UK Government has announced the interim target of reducing emissions by 68% from 1990 levels by 2030. This target is faster than any other major economy.

I do not believe citizens' assemblies have advantages over conventional policy making in this context. Previous experiences in Canada, for instance, included citizens in the decision-making process but they failed to produce impactful or long-lasting results.

While I welcome the increased awareness and debate this Bill brings, I do not believe that it is required as work is already underway.

Thank you again for taking the time to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

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