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Dear Constituent,

Thank you for contacting me about the Global Vaccine Summit. I am proud that the UK hosted this summit in June 2020 to raise vital funds for Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, to support their work to protect almost half the world's children against deadly, preventable diseases.

Bringing together representatives from 62 countries, leaders from global health organisations, the private sector, vaccine manufacturers and civil society organisations, the summit had a fundraising target of \$7.4 billion dollars. This target was exceeded, with world leaders pledging \$8.8 billion dollars.

This funding will help immunise 300 million more children in lower-income countries against diseases like measles, polio and diphtheria by the end of 2025. It is also supporting health systems to withstand the impact of Covid-19 and maintain the infrastructure needed to roll out the now many approved vaccines on a global scale.

The UK is one of the most generous donors to Gavi, one of only two countries that supports it through all four of its funding channels, pledging £330 million per year, totalling £1.65 billion, over the next five years. For the full details on the UK's contribution please see:

www.gavi.org/investing-gavi/funding/donor-profiles/united-kingdom

The UK is committed to rapid, equitable access to safe and effective Covid-19 vaccines. This is being done through our £548 million commitment to the COVAX Advance Market Commitment – the international initiative to support global equitable access to vaccines, which the UK helped establish in 2020. As of the 7th January, COVAX has provided over 965 million doses to 144 participants.

At the UK-hosted G7 Summit in June 2021, the Prime Minister announced that the UK will share 100 million Covid-19 vaccine doses with developing countries by June 2022. Of the vaccines the UK is sharing, 80% will go to COVAX, which remains best placed to allocate vaccines to where they will be most effective. The remaining 20% are being shared bilaterally. On the 30th December, the Government confirmed that it had met its target to donate 30 million vaccines by the end of 2021.

Global pandemics demand global solutions, and I am proud that the UK is leading the way internationally to facilitate such solutions.

Thank you again for taking the time to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

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