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*Dear Constituent,*

Thank you for contacting me about abortion and the Criminal Justice Bill.

I completely understand what an incredibly emotive issue abortion is, and I appreciate the strength of feelings on both sides. It is for this reason that, as with other matters of conscience, the Government adopts a neutral stance on abortion and allows Conservative MPs to vote freely according to their moral, ethical, or religious beliefs. This is a convention which I support wholeheartedly.

I note your concerns about certain amendments which have been tabled to the Criminal Justice Bill regarding abortion. These amendments, and all other provisions made in this Bill, will be discussed as it progresses through both Houses. It is essential, as with all pieces of legislation, that this Bill is subject to proper debate and formal parliamentary scrutiny.

I will continue to follow this matter closely.

Thank you again for taking the time to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

**CHRIS HEATON-HARRIS MP**  
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