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Dear Constituent,

Thank you for contacting me expressing your understandable concerns about recent news stories around Dominic Cummings. As a Minister, I have been fortunate enough to be able to communicate the sentiment of these directly to senior people at the head of Government.

I refrained from making comment initially, as experience has taught me to wait for facts to emerge before being tempted, as a Member of Parliament, to comment and so have followed the events of the past ten days carefully.

Overall I think that when Mr Cummings explained his actions at his Press Conference last week people also would have appreciated an apology for any upset caused.

Thus let me apologise to you.

Overall I believe the country's response to this virus has been extraordinary. I've seen local communities across my constituency pull together and look out for neighbours and friends like never before.

Likewise central Government has banded together in a way I have not seen in my time in politics to use all of its available resources to try and help the country through this time, with mammoth financial packages being drawn up to keep businesses and individuals going and more money and support going into our NHS and Public Health services than ever before.

Few can disagree that the Prime Minister has done his best to lead the country through this crisis; indeed, he knows better than many of us the damage COVID19 can do. He has acknowledged not every decision taken has been correct, nor has every policy response been perfect and that lessons can and will be learned. I'm confident a host of lessons have already been learnt from this particular matter and now is the time to move on and continue to defeat this virus together, like we have to date.

As ever, as your local MP, I appreciate hearing your opinions on this subject and others and I remain at your disposal if you require any assistance with COVID19 related matters or indeed anything else.

Once again, thank you for contacting me.



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Yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Chris".

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