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Dear Constituent

Thank you for your email about technology infrastructure and Huawei's potential involvement in the UK's rollout of 5G.

I am concerned about the role Huawei has been granted in the roll out of 5G in the UK. I am reassured that Ministers clearly recognise the risk that Huawei poses and have imposed additional controls on them, but I continue to believe that the safer and simpler option would have been to use a different provider. From the advice given by our global security partners such as the USA, I think it is clear that there are serious risks associated with opening the door to our essential infrastructure to a company like Huawei. I will be closely scrutinising the roll out and making sure Ministers hold to their pledge to reduce high risk vendors' market share.

I am also aware that some people are concerned about the potential health risks of a 5G network. Although the Government's guidance on mobile phone base stations and radio waves states that adverse health effects are unlikely, I am concerned that research has shown a statistical increased risk of developing cancer. I believe that more research should be done before we press on with the roll out.

Once again, thank you for taking the time to contact me and if I can ever be any further assistance to you then please do not hesitate to contact me again.

Yours sincerely,

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