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Dear Constituent

Thank you for your email about the fur trade.

I want to assure you that I support the highest standards of animal welfare and welcome the fact that the importation of fur products is tightly regulated. It is illegal to import furs derived from cats or dogs, or products made from them; in addition, the fur and skin of endangered animals or fish cannot be imported without a valid permit.

Currently, European legislation prohibits the import furs or fur products from 13 wild animal species originating in countries where they are caught in the wild by leg-hold traps, or trapping methods that do not meet international standards of humane trapping. Strict rules are in also place in the European Union to ensure that animals kept for fur production are kept, trapped and slaughtered humanely. Once the UK has withdrawn from the EU it will be for the Government to consider future policies, taking into account the outcome of exit negotiations. However, I seen no reason why the restrictions would be relaxed in any way.

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  
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