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Dear Constituent

Thank you for your email about vaccines.

I am glad that our allies at the G7 have committed to combining our strengths and expertise to defeat Covid, minimise the risk of another pandemic, and build back better, fairer and greener for the benefit of all.

Alongside our partners, the G7 is now engaged in the biggest and fastest vaccination programme in history, which is designed to protect the whole world by the end of next year. The Prime Minister agreed, along with his fellow leaders, to supply developing countries with another billion doses—either directly or through other channels—of which I am glad to tell you 100 million will come from the UK.

As you will know, the world's most popular vaccine was developed here, and the express purpose of the deal between the British Government, Oxford University and AstraZeneca was to create an inoculation that would be easy to store, quick to distribute and available at cost price, or zero profit, in order to protect as many people as possible. The results are becoming clearer every day: over 500 million Oxford/AstraZeneca vaccines have been administered in 168 countries so far, accounting for 96% of the doses distributed to developing nations by COVAX, the global alliance that the UK helped to establish. I am proud that with every passing hour, people are being protected across the world, and lives saved, by the expertise that the UK was able to assemble.

Further, I am glad that the Prime Minister has confirmed that the G7 has agreed to support a Global Pandemic Radar to spot new pathogens before they begin to spread, allowing immediate containment.

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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