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Dear Constituent,

Thank you for your email about the Equality Act and transgender rights.

I am determined that everyone in the UK should be free to live their lives and fulfil their potential regardless of their sex, gender identity, race or disability. I am also clear that transgender people should be free to prosper in modern Britain. Furthermore, as someone who has championed Trans rights in Parliament, I fully understand your concerns.

The Equality Act 2010 provides protection against discrimination, harassment and victimisation across a number of grounds. I can assure you that the Government is committed to upholding the country's long-standing record of protecting the rights of individuals against unlawful discrimination.

I understand that the Government will keep any potential change to provisions in the Act under review. Transgender people, including those who are going through the process to change their legal sex, deserve our respect, support and understanding - the Equality Act provides this protection through the use of protected characteristics.

I also want to take the opportunity to assure you that I take the issue of LGBTQ+ rights very seriously and have worked with a team of Conservative MPs on this since arriving in Parliament. I am positive about the steps that have been made so far in the UK to achieve LGBTQ+ equality and am confident that this good work will continue under this Government. As a member of the LGBTQ+ community, I personally am committed to seeing all forms of abuse for LGBTQ+ people banned and will continue to work towards that in Parliament.

Once again, thank you for taking the time to contact me and if I can ever be of any further assistance to you then please do not hesitate to contact me again. If you would like to keep up to date with my activities as your Member of Parliament then please subscribe to my Darlington Matters newsletter using this link: www.petergibson.org/signup

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