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Dear constituent,

Thank you for contacting me about recent events in Jerusalem and across Israel and the occupied Palestinian territories more widely.

Firstly, I am deeply concerned about the situation in East Jerusalem and the escalation in violence. The forced evictions in Sheikh Jarrah must stop and I condemn attempts by Israeli settlers to take control of Palestinian homes. East Jerusalem has been illegally annexed – Israel is the occupying power, which creates obligations that the Israeli Government is not meeting. Israel must comply with international law.

I was shocked to see the violence used against worshippers gathered during Ramadan at Al-Aqsa Mosque – this was totally unacceptable. It is essential that holy sites are respected.

Reports that Israeli air strikes on Gaza have killed multiple civilians, including children, are shocking and appalling. Along with the rocket attacks launched by Hamas, I strongly condemn all actions that endanger civilians. Leaders on both sides must urgently seek to de-escalate tensions and defuse the situation.

I believe the UK Government should make urgent representations to the Israeli Government to halt all evictions in East Jerusalem, change planning laws that discriminate against Palestinians and suspend the construction of all other settlements in East Jerusalem and elsewhere in the West Bank immediately.

Thank you once again for contacting me about this issue.

Yours sincerely,

Mary