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Dear Constituent

Government Plan For Water

Thank you for contacting me about the Plan for Water.

I would like to assure you that I fully appreciate your concerns about the health of our rivers, lakes and seas. The Government's Plan for Water aims to deliver clean and plentiful supply of water for nature, people, and businesses, and outlines action the Government is taking to achieve this.

Through the plan, the Government is investing around £1.6 billion to reduce sewage discharges, reduce nutrient pollution, and increase the supply of water. The Government has also announced that it will strengthen powers, including those of regulators, to hold water companies and other responsible parties to account. This includes considering changes to the law to increase the maximum amount for penalties that the Environment Agency can issue against a company that damages the environment.

Further, the plan addresses each of the multiple pressures and sources of pollution on water bodies. The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs has set new legally binding targets to reduce pollution from farming, wastewater, and abandoned metal mines. In addition, the launch of the Water Restoration Fund, deriving from water company profits, will channel money from water company environmental fines and penalties into projects that improve the water environment.

Finally, in recognising the impact of climate change, the Government is committed to secure a plentiful supply of clean water. Through increasing water supplies, delivery of half of the four billion litre a day gap in public water support by 2050 will be met. The other half will be delivered through improving water efficiency, reducing demand, and cutting wasted water.

Yours sincerely

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