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Dear Constituent

Public Order Bill

Recent protest activity from a minority of individuals has caused misery to the hard-working public, disrupted businesses, interfered with emergency services, cost millions in taxpayers' money, and put lives at risk.

The Government is therefore legislating to equip the police to better manage and tackle dangerous and highly disruptive behaviour, as well as prevent major transport projects and infrastructure from being targeted by protestors. This follows the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts (PSCS) Act, having received Royal Assent at the end of the last parliamentary session, which introduced a number of measures to enable the police to better manage protests.

The new Public Order Bill seeks to introduce new criminal offences of locking-on and going equipped to lock-on; make it illegal to obstruct major transport works such as HS2; create a new criminal offence for interfering with key national infrastructure; extend stop and search powers for police to search for and seize articles related to protest-related activity; and introduce Serious Disruption Prevention Orders where a breach of the order would constitute a criminal offence.

I am confident these new changes to public order law will put a stop to the relentless reoffending and significant disruption caused by a selfish minority of protesters which impinge on the rights of the British public to go about their daily lives in peace.

The government's Public Order Bill factsheet can be viewed here: www.gov.uk/government/publications/public-order-bill-overarching-documents/public-order-bill-factsheet

Yours sincerely

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