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Dear Constituent

Thank you for contacting me about medical cannabis.

I sympathise deeply with the difficult situation faced by Alfie Dingley and his family. It is only natural that parents of a child who is in pain would try to alleviate their suffering in any way possible. I know that the Policing Minister wants to explore every option and has met with Alfie's family to discuss treatments that may be accessible for him. No decisions have been made and any proposal would need to be led by senior clinicians using sufficient and rigorous evidence.

I attended the meeting in Parliament to which you refer. I met Alfie's remarkable mother and discussed the issue at length with campaigners. I found her, and their arguments compelling. I have signed a letter of support and did a film clip for their website.

Yours sincerely



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