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HOUSE OF COMMONS

LONDON SW1A 0AA

Dear Constituents,

A number of you have been in touch about horse tethering. I support the highest standards of animal welfare and agree with you about the importance of protecting these gentle, sensitive creatures.

Having worked with Ministers at the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, I have actively welcomed the debate on horse tethering and have urged constituents to get in touch to voice their concerns. Our animals are often our closest companions and it's important that they're properly looked after.

Last year, I stood side by side with the RSPCA and the British Horse Council as new legislation was introduced to Parliament to better protect horses and ponies across the UK. I have read the transcript of the debate on horse tethering and I am pleased David Rutley, the Minister for Animal Welfare, concluded the debate by saying he would call for a meeting with key organisations to discuss what more can be done in sharing and documenting best practice on horse tethering and more actively distributing this information to horse owners. I urge constituents to read the following:

<https://hansard.parliament.uk/Commons/2019-02-20/debates/09869E95-97F2-4A19-B814-82637000F6FC/HorseTethering>

If anyone is concerned about the way a horse is tethered, I would urge them to report it to the local authority, which has powers under the Animal Welfare Act to investigate such matters. The RSPCA and World Horse Welfare can also investigate.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Yours ever Mims'.

Mims Davies
Member of Parliament for Eastleigh

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Member of Parliament for the Eastleigh Constituency