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Dear Dominic,

I am increasingly concerned about the situation in East Jerusalem - specifically the forced evictions in Sheikh Jarrah and the violence by the police against worshippers gathered at the Al-Aqsa Mosque.

I am shocked to see these scenes of targeted violence, including the use of tear gas and stun grenades. I understand that this has led to over 200 Palestinian people being injured, including some children. I was equally concerned that these attacks not only occurred during the holy month of Ramadan, but also at one of the most sacred religious sites for Muslims.

I know that my concerns are shared by many of my constituents who are rightly outraged at the violence that we have witnessed.

As you know from my previous letters to you, and previous Foreign Secretaries, I continue to be concerned about the forced evictions of families in Sheikh Jarrah. East Jerusalem has been illegally annexed and I'm equally concerned by the decision of the Israeli Government to press ahead with the construction of settlements in the occupied West bank. These actions are in violation of international law.

The UK Government has an important and vital role to play in not only standing up for human rights, but also for promoting and protecting international law.

I would therefore like to know what representations both yourself, and other FCDO Ministers have made to the Israeli Government about both the attacks on those at the Al-Aqsa Mosque and the eviction and dispossession of those in Sheik Jarrah?

It is vital that the UK Government uses its voice on the international stage in response to these ongoing events. I look forward to hearing from you about this extremely important issue,

Yours sincerely,

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