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Dear Liz,

Re: Digital ID

I am writing to you on behalf of many of my constituents who have raised their concerns with me about the introduction of Digital ID.

I am pleased that the Government will consult and collaborate with employers, trade unions, civil society groups, and other stakeholders to co-design the Digital ID programme. I have encouraged all my constituents to contribute to the consultation when it is launched. However, in the meantime, many of my constituents are deeply concerned about the proposal and are seeking reassurance from me.

First, many constituents have written to me about mission creep. While they are satisfied that Digital ID will not be mandatory, they raise concerns that without a legally enshrined right to use non-digital ID, there is a possibility for the scope of the scheme to eventually expand beyond its original intent. Many constituents are concerned that this could result in a 'surveillance state.' Therefore, I would be grateful if you could share with me steps the Government will be taking to prevent this.

In addition, I have heard from constituents who are worried about cybersecurity and the protection of their personal data. Following recent attacks on M&S, Jaguar Land Rover, the Legal Aid Agency, and many more, my constituents are concerned that the introduction of Digital ID could put their data at risk. I would be grateful if you could share with me what steps the Government will be taking to protect Digital ID from cyberattacks.

Finally, many of my constituents have raised concerns about the cost of implementing the scheme, particularly as many are feeling the impacts of 14 years of cuts and austerity from the previous Government. While I was pleased to hear that there will be no cost for citizens to obtain a Digital ID, I would be grateful if you could share with me what assessment the Government has made of how much it will cost to introduce and maintain the scheme.

I look forward to hearing from you and thank you for considering these concerns.

Yours sincerely,

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