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## FRACKING AND EARTHQUAKE REGULATIONS

Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to write to me about the weakening of earthquake regulations as a result of fracking.

Small earthquakes have recently been detected in areas where fracking has taken place, and these are incidents that need to be taken seriously and investigated appropriately.

The only context in which I believe fracking should be permitted is if there is clear evidence that the environment is protected. I have not seen evidence to that effect so, as the Government has not yet indicated that it has any plans to change the current restrictions relating to fracking and seismic activity. Labour is committed to banning fracking to safeguard our environment. In the meantime, I will continue to work with fellow MPs to ensure that legislation is put in place to properly regulate fracking.

Best wishes,

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