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Dear Sajid,

RE: Mr Jeffery Phillips, Martin Luther Flat, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE2 1YH.

I have been contacted by my constituent, Dr Atkinson-Phillips, with regards to her husband's application for Leave to Remain

Dr Atkinson-Phillips is a British citizen, while her husband is an Australian citizen, and their two children, Mia and Tijaan, have dual citizenship. Dr Atkinson-Phillips and Mr Phillips lived together in the UK between 2002-2004, and then moved to Australia due to the ill health of Mr Phillip's father. The family have now returned to the UK as Dr Atkinson-Phillips has taken up a research position at Newcastle University.

It is my understanding that Mr Phillip's application was refused as they did not provide bank statements to demonstrate Dr Atkinson-Phillips meets the financial threshold of £18,600, although they did submit payslips that demonstrate this. I understand that his application was also refused because he entered the UK on a tourist visa prior to his application.

Should this decision stand, the Home Office will have put Dr Atkinson-Phillips in the position where she must choose between her family life and her career. Understandably, the family are distressed by the possibility of being separated and wish to remain together in the UK.

I would be grateful if you could reconsider the decision on Mr Phillip's application for Leave to Remain on compassionate grounds.

*Yours sincerely
Nick*

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