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Dear Sir George,

Thank you for your email of 14 October to the Home Secretary on behalf of a number of your constituents about abortion clinic protest buffer zones. I am replying as the newly appointed Minister of State for Crime, Policing, and Fire.

On 18 October, the House of Commons voted in a free vote to accept an amendment that creates national buffer zones outside abortion clinics. The amendment will go on to be considered in the House of Lords.

Please extend my gratitude to your constituents for taking the time to write to you with their concerns.

Yours sincerely,

**Rt Hon Chris Philp MP**