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Dear Kemi,

**RE: Black Lives Matter**

Firstly, may I thank you for your strong commitment in the Chamber today to tackling racism in the UK and addressing health disparities as a result of COVID-19.

I know that, like me and everyone in Carshalton and Wallington, you would have been equally horrified by the tragic death of George Floyd in the United States. I am writing to you to express the anger and solidarity of the Carshalton and Wallington residents who have been in touch with me regarding George's death.

However, local residents have also raised the findings of Public Health England's report into health inequalities attributed to COVID-19, and indeed racism in the UK.

I was heartened to hear your words in the Chamber today, and I would be grateful if you could reaffirm your commitment that the UK Government will continue its work to ensure racism is tackled in every area of the country, but importantly in the context of this pandemic, that we will do all we can to address those disparities in race (and indeed all potential factors such as gender and age) when it comes to addressing COVID-19.

Thank you for your attention about this important matter.

With best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Elliot Colburn', written over a horizontal line.

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