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Dear Ms Linday

Thank you for contacting me on the issue of Trident.

I have looked at the Government's proposals and listened carefully to the statements by many of the MP's on the floor of the House of Commons. It is fully clear that replacing Trident is not in the long-term interests of the UK or the wider international community.

Estimations for replacing Trident have been estimated at anything up to 76bn and there must be serious questions asked as to whether this is the best and most effective use of such an enormous amount of money. We have all heard reports of poorly equipped soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan and I would rather some of this money be spent on ensuring our conventional forces have the equipment they need to fulfil their role, rather than replacing these weapons of mass destruction.

Today's security threats are very different to those we faced 10 years ago and the key global threats we face now come from terrorism on one hand and global warming on the other. Nuclear weapons are useless against both.

I believe that we have enough problems facing us, without spending billions of pounds on a weapon we do not need.

I would as an MP, oppose any renewal of Trident in any way I can at Westminster.

Yours sincerely

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