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Dear Boris,

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My constituent, Mr Kevin Brown of Sunderland, has contacted me regarding the recent announcement that Sub-postmasters who were wrongly convicted of offences in the Post Office IT scandal will receive interim compensation payments of up to £100,000.

While this announcement is to be welcomed, it only applies to a small number of people affected by this scandal. The 555 sub-postmasters who were not convicted but still had their lives ruined, like Mr and Mrs Brown, have yet to be compensated. As you will know, the government has promised "fair and speedy" pay-outs for the 555 victims of the Horizon IT scandal who have been excluded from the Post Office's compensation scheme.

I know from meeting Mr and Mrs Brown the devastating impact this has had on their life. There is a desperate urgency to compensate people like them so they can take steps to rebuild their lives. I urge you to carry out your promise without any further delays.

Yours sincerely,

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Cc: Mr Kevin Brown, Paul Scully MP (Parliamentary Under-secretary of State)