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**[Constituency name] faith leaders offer [name] MP warm support in work for change**

Faith groups from across [constituency name] have written to [name] MP offering their support in working for positive change.

In a letter co-ordinated by [Quaker Meeting], local faith leaders emphasised the importance of truth and integrity in public life.

Recognising the challenging nature of the job, the nonpartisan faith groups are keen to support MPs and find common ground to move forward.

“All of us hold truth and integrity as sacred or intrinsic to our beliefs,” signatories including [name of signatories] wrote.

“By being honest and true to our values, we can have the right relationship with ourselves, others, and the ultimate truth.

“We believe this is particularly important for MPs because of the trust that is placed in them by the electorate, the power they hold, and the example they can set to all those in public office and wider society”

[Quotes from local Quaker/other faith group, along the lines of, e.g. “We know how hard it is to be an MP in the current climate, and we would welcome the opportunity to support them.”]

In the letter faith leaders asked for a meeting with [MP name] to discuss moral and practical assistance.

[MP detail paragraph, e.g. when first elected, political party, their own faith etc]

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