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*Dear Mehri,*

Thank you for writing to the Rt Hon Hazel Blears MP and me, drawing our attention to the joint statement between the Joseph Interfaith Foundation and the Forum Against Islamophobia and Racism, condemning Islamophobia and anti-Semitism. I applaud you for this constructive initiative.

As you know, the Government is unequivocal and uncompromising in our condemnation of all forms of hate crime. I am therefore delighted that the Jewish and Muslim communities have come together so strongly to condemn both forms of racism, and that the statement has been so well-received.

Yours sincerely

**SADIQ KHAN MP**