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Hello again,

This is a short email. The Government has published the motion which MP's debate tomorrow following the recall of Parliament. I will be attending the debate which begins at 10.30 with votes expected from 5pm. The motion supports air strikes against ISIL in Iraq.

I was against the invasion and war in Iraq back in 2003. We are in a very different situation today and the military action we are considering is also very different. If Parliament votes in favour of the motion, we will launch air strikes against ISIL; there will be no ground troop and Syria is specifically excluded from any air strikes by British forces..

Iraq is a democracy with a stable Government under a new Prime Minister, Haider al - Abadi, who has made it clear he wants to include both Sunni and Shia Muslims in his Government. Mr al - Abadi and the Iraqi Government has asked us to help defend their people from the terror and barbarity of ISIL. I am also of the firm view that ISIL is a threat to Britain and indeed much of the world.

The other important consideration, is that other countries in the Middle East, notably in my view Saudi Arabia, are part of the international alliance determined to stop ISIL. I believe it was very significant that 5 Middle East countries, including Saudi Arabia, have been actively supporting American air strikes in recent days.

As I understand it, both the Liberal Democrats and the Labour Party support the motion and achieving political unity on such an important national matter is critically important.

I welcome your comments and views.

If you are able to follow the debate, it is being broadcast on a number of radio and TV channels tomorrow.

I hope to send out a round up of my news in the next few days.

As ever,

Anna

Tomorrow's motion on air strikes against ISIL.

That this House

Condemns the barbaric acts of ISIL against the peoples of Iraq including the Sunni, Shia, Kurds, Christians and Yazidi and the humanitarian crisis this is causing; recognizes the clear threat ISIL pose to the territorial

integrity of Iraq and the request from the Government of Iraq for military support from the international community and the specific request to the UK Government for such support; further recognizes the threat ISIL poses to wider international security and the UK directly through its sponsorship of terrorist attacks and its murder of a British hostage; acknowledges the broad coalition contributing to military support of the Government of Iraq, including countries throughout the Middle East; further acknowledges the request of the Government of Iraq for international support to defend itself against the threat ISIL poses to Iraq and its citizens, and the clear legal basis that this provides for action in Iraq; notes that this motion does not endorse UK air strikes in Syria as part of this campaign and any proposal to do so would be subject to a separate vote in Parliament; accordingly supports Her Majesty's Government, working with allies, in supporting the Government of Iraq in protecting civilians and restoring its territorial integrity, including the use of UK air strikes to support Iraqi, including Kurdish, security forces' efforts against ISIL in Iraq; notes that Her Majesty's Government will not deploy UK troops in ground combat operations; offers its wholehearted support to the men and women of Her Majesty's armed forces.

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