



HOUSE OF COMMONS  
LONDON SW1A 0AA

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Dear Constituent,

**A Response to the Compassion in World Farming Food Labelling Campaign**

Thank you for contacting me about religious slaughter and food labelling.

I understand the depth of your feeling on this issue. As you are probably aware there are long-standing provisions in UK law that, subject to specific requirements, permit the slaughter of animals without prior stunning to meet Jewish and Islamic religious requirements.

Although I would prefer all animals to be stunned before slaughter, I recognise the requirements of Jewish and Muslim communities and accept the importance they attach to slaughter in accordance with their beliefs.

There is no national or EU requirement to display the method of slaughter on meat products but where this is included it must be accurate. Consumers should have the necessary information available to them to make an informed choice about their food, and this is something that the Government will be able to consider in the context of leaving the EU.

Thank you again for taking the time to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Alister Jack".

**Alister Jack DL MP**  
**Dumfries and Galloway constituency.**