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To [INSERT NAME OF MP],

I am writing this email in support of continued protests outside of the Leeds bank branch, in regards to the UK's and HSBC's continued funding of fossil fuels, ongoing genocides and apartheid. I am appalled that this government is continuing to support israel and allow banks to run rampant with funding international war crimes.

According to bank.green, HSBC is #2 in the UK for fossil fuel financing, and since the Paris agreement in 2016 have financed \$6.9 TRILLION into fossil fuels including coal, oil and gas. This has undoubtedly not only continued the use of these fuels but has damaged the potential for newer, greener energy sources to be developed and utilised. The global increase in temperature is fast approaching 1.5C, the tipping point for climate collapse. In order to avoid this we must divest from fossil fuel organisations and invest in green solutions, something HSBC has made clear it is not interested in doing.

HSBC are heavily invested in companies that are actively profiteering on the genocide of Palestinians. The bank currently has over \$11 Billion worth of shares in Microsoft, who actively work with and develop bespoke software for israel's ministry of defence, \$10 billion worth of shares in NVIDIA, who are currently building new sites on occupied Palestinian land and hundreds of millions of dollars invested in BDS targets such as coca-cola, mcdonalds and hewlett-packard. The Integrated Food Security Phase Classification has classified over 470,000 Gazans as currently in phase 5 of a famine, as a direct result of israel's continued attacks, blockades and forced starvation. Israel cannot commit these crimes alone, and they are being actively supported by the UK government.

HSBC (and their subsidiary First Direct) are a threat not only to Palestinians and other targets of the military industrial complex, but our entire planet. I am urging you to speak on behalf of your constituents and demand that HSBC divest and cease to finance all companies, partnerships and organisations that are complicit in the fossil fuel industry and/or the state of israel,

Regards,

Concerned member of the public

Sources: <https://bank.green/banks/hsbc>

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