Dear [Insert Name],

My business, in your constituency, operates in the supply-chain that supports the Foodservice, Catering and Hospitality sectors, specifically providing design, project and equipment products and services.

In the UK, the market value of the Industry is £1.3bn and it employs 10,000.

The sector includes equipment manufacturers, importers, distributors, designers and installer consultants and service companies – an extensive and diverse network supporting extensive and diverse Industries.

The operator base comprises 427,627 outlets of which 267,485 (62%) are independent operators.

We support large elements of the government business funding programme and job retention scheme.

We also support the specific measures (business rates holiday and cash grants) provided to operators in the hospitality, leisure and retail sectors.

However, the vulnerability of those sectors, that has been rightly recognised, places enormous pressure on the supply-chain. Many will be simply unable to survive in the harsh commercial climate we are now in.

Given these significant effects, our Industry Trade Associations have been calling on Government to ensure the following: -

* Recognise that once the hospitality, leisure and retail industries reopen, they will need a strong supply-chain to support their re-emergence and return to growth and profitability
* In order to achieve this, we need measures that have been introduced to support the hospitality, leisure and retail operator sectors extended to the supply-chains – specifically a) business rates holidays for the 2020-21 tax year, and b) access to cash grants rather than loans – and with immediate effect
* Those businesses with Insurance policies that include cover for ‘notifiable diseases’ should be paid out for business interruption when their businesses have been directly affected by Coronavirus C0VID-19.

As a business and employer in your constituency, I need you to support our efforts at this time.

Immediate support is required in order to ensure that we can sustain our businesses, continue to employ people and be there to support the country return to stability and drive growth in the future.

Yours sincerely,