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Mr Patrick Verwer  
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Dear Mr Verwer,

**RE: Belly Mujinga**

Firstly, can I thank your staff for keeping the UK moving at this difficult time.

I am writing following the tragic death of Belly Mujinga, who died from coronavirus and was allegedly spat at whilst at work at Victoria Station by a man claiming to have the virus.

As you will be aware, Belly's death has been a tragedy for her family and friends, and many Carshalton and Wallington residents have been in contact concerned at the demonstration this tragic death has of racism still being prevalent in the UK today.

This has also raised the issue of safety for those working on our railways.

I know the Government has been working with all transport operators to ensure that staff are kept safe and transport can keep moving as we tackle the coronavirus pandemic. Nothing can bring Belly back, but we can ensure that we learn and ensure it cannot happen again.

Therefore, I would be grateful if you could outline the measures you are taking across the GTR network to ensure all staff are kept safe at work following Belly's tragic death.

Thank you for your attention in this important matter.

With best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Elliot Colburn'.

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