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Dear Prime Minister,

**RE: Marie Curie Campaign for a National Day of Reflection**

I do hope that this letter finds you, Carrie, and Wilfred (and Dillon) well, and please allow me to pass on my thanks to you and Ministers for the continued efforts to save lives, tackle coronavirus, and keep the economy going.

On behalf of Marie Curie, and all my constituents in Carshalton & Wallington who have sadly lost a loved one due to coronavirus, I am writing in support of the campaign for a national day of reflection on 23 March next year, to mark the one-year anniversary since we went into lockdown.

Marie Curie have informed me that over a million people across our country have experienced a close bereavement since lockdown started, and I know you are keenly aware of how devastating each death has been for families, friends, and colleagues in communities across the UK. The sadness and grief around each loss has often been made more difficult as many of those bereaved were not able to say goodbye in person, or to comfort each other as we would in normal times.

I know a number of colleagues are also supportive of this initiative, and I would be ever so grateful if you could consider a national day of reflection which would allow the country to unite in memory and collectively reflect, remember, grieve and celebrate the lives of everyone who has died during lockdown and show support for our families, friends and colleagues who have been bereaved.

I will be also working closely with my local authority to explore how we can commemorate those who have died locally, and we are considering options for a memorial here in the London Borough of Sutton. Although proposals are in an extremely early stage, you would be most welcome to attend any dedication ceremony should your diary permit.

With best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Elliot Colburn', written over a horizontal line.

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