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HOUSE OF COMMONS

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The Rt Hon. Boris Johnson MP
Prime Minister
10 Downing Street
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Our Ref: EC9286

Dear Prime Minister,

RE: Support for Hospitality Sector

Further to my letter to you of the 27 November (ref: EC9287), I write again in support of our hospitality sector and the ongoing impact of COVID-19.

Since meeting with Jeremy Joseph to discuss the specific requirements of the night time economy, I have also met with the Chief Executives of the Stonegate and Young's pub companies, Patrick Dardis and Simon Longbottom respectively, as well as with the Chief Executive of the British Beer and Pub Association Emma McClarkin.

Our shared concern is on the revised tier system that is being voted on today, and due to come into force tomorrow. I enclose a letter from Mr Longbottom that he has asked me to pass to you directly following our meeting yesterday; I am writing similarly to the Chancellor.

Mr Longbottom has set out five key measures that he feels are necessary to ensure the short and long-term survival of the pubs industry; from speaking with publicans in my constituency, and with other pub chains, I know these are widely supported:

1. Compensation for businesses that have been compelled to close and for those unable to operate profitably because of restrictions;
2. Permission to sell alcoholic drinks outside without the need for a table meal;
3. Lifting the ban on indoor household mixing in Tier 2 areas;
4. Relaxation of the curfew during the festive period from Christmas to New Year's Eve;
5. Regular review of the Tiering with full transparency to allow pubs to trade as freely as possible and to prepare for changes in the conditions for trading.

As a member of the APPG Beer, and as a constituency MP, I can see the benefit in these proposed measures to mitigate the impact of the next stage of the restrictions.

I should be very grateful if you could consider the points he and I have raised, and set out the Government's response to each so that I may report back to him and to my constituents, many of whom have contacted me with concerns as we enter heightened Tier 2 in Carshalton and Wallington.

With best wishes,

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

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