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Dear Professor Newton,

On behalf of the House of Commons Science and Technology Committee, I would like to pass on its sincere gratitude to you for giving evidence on Wednesday 8 April. The importance of testing for managing the COVID-19 pandemic is clear and we know you are busy, so we are very grateful to you for making time to contribute to our inquiry.

During the session, questions arose on the plans for prioritisation of testing. I would therefore be very grateful if you could provide the Committee with information on:

- the details of the plan for which workers will be prioritised at the different stages of the increase in testing capacity; and
- when these different stages are expected to be reached.

I would be grateful if you could provide the Committee with this information by 23 April 2020. I am making a similar request to Kathy Hall, at the Department of Health and Social Care. I will be publishing this letter on the Committee's website in due course.

With best wishes,

Rt Hon Greg Clark MP
Chair