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Dear Secretary of State --

Financial support for businesses and workers

The consequence of increased restrictions and updated guidance to 'reduce social contact' for many businesses and workers during the festive period is obvious.

In our long running work on the impact of Covid on business and workers, we have repeatedly called for financial support to flex alongside changing public health requirements. This means that further support should now be made available to businesses and workers who cannot do their work due to the public doing what is asked of them by the Prime Minister.

In the Urgent Question in the House of Commons today, the Treasury spokesperson was unable to offer any substantive updates on support being made available to businesses or workers. I expect Government to be able to make a decision irrespective of whether the Chancellor is in California or not, and therefore call on Ministers to bring forward financial support announcements as a matter of urgency.

Please can you confirm when you expect to be able to make such an announcement or, if I am mistaken, confirm that no such financial support will be forthcoming.

Please can I have a response to this letter no later than Monday 20th December.

Yours sincerely,

DARREN JONES MP
Chair of the Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy Committee

