Dear XX,

I’m sure you’re aware of the many additional travel businesses that are now on the brink of collapse due to the Covid-19 crisis, and face a second consecutive year of no income with the UK’s borders now effectively closed for summer.

As a member of your constituency, I am one such business directly impacted by this crisis, which has already devastated the travel industry in so many ways.

Last month, the World Travel and Tourism Council warned 500,000 jobs in UK travel and tourism could be lost if international travel is not reopened – 300,000 jobs were already lost in the sector last year.

With no new destinations added to the green list on 3 June, and with Portugal moving to amber status, the UK’s borders effectively remain closed to the travel industry. Businesses such as mine are desperate.

During a debate on international travel in parliament last month, MPs highlighted the financial hardship the industry has suffered. However, the government has rejected calls for sector-specific support for agents, despite an Abta petition signed by almost 105,000 people.

I am writing to you, as your constituent, to ask for your support in urgently requesting the government to reconsider this position, including by speaking up on behalf of the industry during Thursday’s parliamentary debate on government support for the travel sector during the Covid crisis (10 June).

Prior to the pandemic, I had a strong and viable business. But with a second dismal summer of zero bookings now on the cards, and without urgent support, me – and my employees – are seriously concerned our business will not have a future.

The UK travel sector is all too aware of the pressures and complexities of the crisis facing this country, and wants to do all it can to help protect British citizens. But right now, an entire industry is facing a catastrophic future unless urgent help is provided.

Please consider helping us bring this to the attention of other MPs.

Best wishes,

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