



House of Commons

**ALYN SMITH MP**

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Stirling Constituency



Rt Hon Rishi Sunak MP  
Chancellor of the Exchequer

Sent by email.

21 December 2020

Dear Chancellor,

Following the weekend's confirmation of additional measures in order to address the threat of a new emerging variant of the Covid-19 virus, I am writing to seek assurances from you that the Treasury will do more to support businesses and workers that are struggling and face severe hardship.

Firstly, I would be grateful for confirmation that all Barnett consequential that come as a result of any additional Treasury spending in London and the South East of England will be made available to benefit Scotland, including my constituents in Stirling.

Secondly, I have written to you previously on the failure of the UK government to properly support a range of businesses and workers throughout this crisis by putting in place restrictive eligibility criteria. People who are self employed, directors of limited companies, and those who have only recently set up a new business are among the many that have not received the support that they need so far during this crisis.

These are not necessarily wealthy people, they are (to name a few) hospitality business owners, those in the creative industry, retailers, hairdressers, nail technicians, food producers, and manufacturers - all of whom are seeing a bad situation get a lot worse for them. I have been in touch with many of these businesses in my constituency on this matter, and I applaud and support the work of the Forgotten Ltd and Excluded UK campaigns in fighting for fairness.

Now is the time to act. It simply isn't good enough that so many people and businesses have been left behind for so long. Now, with more severe restrictions coming into effect following Christmas Day, I urge to you extend the support offered to reach the many people who have so far been left behind.

In the spirit of the season, I wish you and yours all the best.

Yours aye,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Alyn Smith".

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