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Rt Hon Rishi Sunak MP
Chancellor of the Exchequer

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Dear Chancellor,

I am writing to you on behalf of the three million people in the UK currently excluded from economic support, and who will continue to suffer further financial hardship during the new, albeit necessary, lockdown.

This is a group of people who you have chosen to ignore for too long. Enough is enough. You need to act now to avert further unnecessary hardship.

The UK Government has repeatedly asserted what help has been provided, but I urge you to consider those who have had no meaningful help at all.

This is not a question of people not being “helped in the way they would have liked”, as you have said on many occasions. This is about people from all walks of life, employments statuses, industries and sectors affecting 3 million people across the UK, their families, and potentially employees, freelancers and sub-contractors reliant on the small businesses they work for.

Your decision to ignore this problem cannot go on a moment longer.

The solutions are not complex. There are workable solutions that would require only tweaking of the existing schemes, or alternatively a scheme should be introduced to help those who thus far have been excluded from any meaningful support.

In order to look to the future, to opening up the economy and bouncing back, these people and businesses need support now. Many are losing their homes, cannot pay their bills, cannot feed their families, are drowning in debt and this has all lead to an already apparent mental health crisis.

The economic consequences of delaying action now are only going to increase.

Ultimately, many of the three million have no adequate safety net. Many simply cannot access Universal Credit due to savings often set aside for tax purposes, or a partner’s earnings, for example.

I urge you to consider the potential solutions that are not complex, and which would remove those exclusions and provide the vital support needed for the 3 million you have actively chosen to freeze out.

I am pleading with you, on behalf of my constituents who need you to act, to do so and do so quickly.

Yours sincerely,