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*Bear Chancellor,*

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I would like to begin by thanking you for the current support that you are providing to protect the workers of both Scunthorpe and our country during this difficult time.

Many of my constituents have thus far expressed their gratitude and appreciation for your work. And I will continue to work with businesses in Scunthorpe to help them utilise the support given by the Government to its fullest and to benefit as many employees as possible.

Despite that, I have received numerous expressions of concern from those who are on zero-hour contracts. Whilst policy measures such as the entitlement to Statutory Sick Pay (SSP) from day one has been beneficial, constituents who fall into the aforementioned category have voiced grave worries that they may be left behind.

On Tuesday, you stated that any worker on the 'Pay As You Earn' (PAYE) scheme is eligible for the Coronavirus Job retention Scheme. I also understand that you are also on course to announce further measures to support self-employed workers later today. However, some in my constituency who are temporary agency staff or on zero-hour contracts still face considerable uncertainty on what they are being entitled to. It appears that there are still significant gaps in policy that some of my constituents have fallen through.

Therefore I would like to ask if you could please provide reassurances for the safeguarding of wages and jobs for those signed onto zero-hour contracts. I would be most grateful if you can help explain how this scheme can work to the benefit of individuals in this type of employment arrangement.

Once again, I would like to thank you for your leadership and service throughout this unbelievably turbulent period for our nation and I hope you and your family are keeping safe. My constituents and I look forward to receiving your response from you or someone from your team.

Yours sincerely,

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