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The Rt Hon Matt Hancock MP
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Dear Secretary of State,

30 March 2020

I would first like to wish you a speedy recovery back to full health as you deal with mild symptoms of Coronavirus. Your presence at the forefront of this battle has been such a valuable asset to this country and I want to like to join my constituents in thanking you for working tirelessly and taking the necessary measures to protect our NHS and save lives.

I continue to encourage my constituents to follow the government advice and sincerely hope that we can do our bit to beat Covid-19. However, I have been recently contacted by constituents seeking further clarification regarding the advice given to pregnant women. The NHS states that those who are pregnant are only at higher risk if they also have a serious health condition. However, the Government's "Guidance on social distancing for everyone in the UK" has claimed that all pregnant women are at increased risk of severe illness and must take particularly stringent social distancing measures.

I have constituents that fall under all of these different brackets and I empathise with their uncertainty on the particular personal measures that they need to take. I would, therefore, appreciate clarity on the risks involved for pregnant women during this crisis, with consideration for the different stages of pregnancy, pregnant key workers and those with a serious heart condition.

Personally, I believe that, due to the risk of an additional life being involved, pregnant women should be considered as high-risk and be given the additional protection (including preclusion from work that requires face-to-face interaction with others) that comes with the classification.

Over the past few weeks, the British public have come to appreciate your limitless devotion to serving the national interest. I want to thank you again for your service. My constituents and I look forward to receiving your response from you or someone from your team.

Yours sincerely,

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