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Department for Digital, Culture Media & Sport  
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*Dear Minister,*

I am writing to make representations on behalf of the anglers in my constituency. The local angling community has been in regular contact with me to ask about the status of their hobby in relation to Government guidelines. I have also worked with a local fishing related business to access Government support I understand very well the challenges the community faces.

As we move into "Phase II" of the lockdown, I understand that the local angling community in Scunthorpe wants the Government to consider allowing them to go back to their hobbies. Their basis for this decision is the ease of social distancing when fishing on either lakes, rivers or seas. I understand that the Angling Trust has commissioned a report which sets out how anglers can maintain their hobby whilst observing strict social distancing guidelines.

I recognise that the Government's decision should be informed by science, and I would very much appreciate it if our fisheries are looked at as you would with other activities.

Thank you for all your work to support our country. Please do not hesitate to get in touch with me if there is anything else we can do to help on this matter. I wish you and your family good health and look forward to a response from you or a member of your team.

Yours sincerely,

*Holly Mumby-Croft*

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