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The Rt Hon Matt Hancock MP
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Dear Matt,

I am writing to you to follow up on the question of whether gyms can continue to operate during lockdown, as you will know, this issue was raised by colleagues and myself during our virtual meeting yesterday.

Since then many of my constituents have written in to voice their strong views on keeping gyms open, often making the point that local gyms are vital in protecting their mental and physical health during these difficult times.

I am under no illusion that, following the latest assessment from our scientists, there is a need to enforce a stringent lockdown. However, in light of the huge investments of time, money and effort that have been put in by local gyms to operate in a covid secure manor, and the strict mitigation protocols that this means are in place I would be grateful if you and your team could look again into allowing the safe operation of gyms. I accept that this may mean allowing gyms to operate under stricter guidelines.

Please find enclosed emails by local gyms in Scunthorpe who have set out their views in full. I hope you can give them your full consideration, and I look forward to hearing back from you or someone from your team.

Yours sincerely,

Holly Mumby-Croft

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Member of Parliament for Scunthorpe