



HOUSE OF COMMONS

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6th April 2020

Dear Co-operative Retail Societies,

As Co-operative Members of Parliament, we want to pass on our sincere thanks and appreciation to Co-op retail staff for the incredible work they are doing in these unprecedented times.

Across the country, the efforts of your staff and colleagues in co-operative societies have done so much to support the local communities they proudly serve, and ensure essential food and supplies are available despite the challenging circumstances.

Indeed, retailers across the country have found themselves on the frontline of this challenge, and Co-operative MPs were proud to play our part in ensuring Co-op colleagues and others were included on the Government's list of key workers which rightly affords them the recognition and support they thoroughly deserve.

We have regularly stood up for retail workers in Parliament, notably fighting for better protections against the unacceptable levels of violence they face as they go about their vital work. That amidst this crisis retail workers have rolled up their sleeves and are now fighting for us is an immense effort we are all incredibly appreciative of, and you have our earnest thanks for doing so.

The Co-operative Parliamentary Group would greatly appreciate you passing on our admiration and thanks to your staff for their continued efforts, and our reassurance that we will continue doing everything we can to support them as they lead this national effort.

Yours in co-operation,

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Jim McMahon MP

Preet Gill MP

Jonathan Reynolds MP

Gareth Thomas MP

Jonathan Ashworth MP

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