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Dear Julian

### Impact of COVID-19 on Golf Industry

In my role as Chairman of the All-Party Parliamentary Group for Golf, I recently chaired a call with key golf industry bodies to discuss the impact of the current situation on their industry, both in the short and longer terms.

Like all parts of the economy, they feel there are significant challenges financially and otherwise but I was heartened by their collective desire to play a supporting role wherever possible, as well, as once it become safe to do so, aid getting people back onto golf courses quickly, so they can return to generating revenue and taxes. Collectively, they have agreed that it is best to work on a unified approach to the challenges they face, with the R&A coordinating the effort.

In view of the situation, I wanted to welcome your swift decision to hold an inquiry into the impact of COVID-19 on industries within the Committee's remit, which I think will be a very important part of work and take the opportunity to advise you that the stakeholders on the call wish to submit evidence, but will again do so as a collective group. This will ensure that they provide the committee with the most focussed approach and joined up set out deliverable outcomes which cover the whole industry.

As Chairman to the APPG, if there is any support I can provide, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely,

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