**RE: Make the Covid 19 Small Business Grant Fund work for pest management companies**

Dear <<YOUR MP>> MP

I write to ask you to reconsider the eligibility criteria for the Small Business Grant Fund.

The pest management sector is made up of mainly small and micro-businesses, such as my business <COMPANY NAME>>. Our company protects the nation from public health pests, keeping the UK safe and healthy.

As it currently stands, the Small Business Grant Fund requires a business to be registered with the local authority, and either paying business rates or receiving business rates relief and paying no rates.

This creates an anomaly for many businesses, including lots of pest management companies, that don’t require business premises.

As a service provider, our work is done at customer premises, whether that is other businesses or domestic households.

To operate from premises would be an unnecessary overhead, reducing the profitability and our corporation tax returns.

Our sector runs successful enterprises, creating employment and contributing to the country by paying taxes, including Corporation Tax and providing employment, yet they cannot access the Small Business Grant Fund.

I realise that our businesses will have access to loans; however we feel that that it would be fairer if all small businesses could have access to the Small Business Grant Fund.

Our letter is backed by the British Pest Control Association (BPCA), who have already written to Rt Hon Rishi Sunak MP on our behalf. However, we’d appreciate it if you would also raise this issue with the Government on our behalf.

Thank you for giving this matter your consideration during this incredibly difficult time.

Yours sincerely,

**<<NAME AND SIGNED ABOVE>>**

**<<POSITION, COMPANY NAME>>**