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Dear Lady Vere,

**Isolation rules for healthy HGV drivers exacerbating driver shortage**

As you know, the shortage of HGV drivers is having a significant impact on supply chains across the UK, and you are aware of the factors that are contributing to this growing problem.

Exacerbating this further, is the requirement for fully vaccinated healthy drivers, to have to isolate after potentially coming into contact with someone who has tested positive for Coronavirus. This is putting additional strain on hauliers and already overstretched and fatigued drivers who must cover for those isolating.

Like the proposals being considered for NHS staff, **we ask that fully vaccinated logistics employees' isolation, be replaced with daily lateral flow testing, and as long as tests remain negative, that they be allowed to work.** In the case of a positive test, normal protocols would of course be observed.

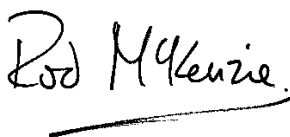
Drivers spend the greatest proportion of their day alone and therefore have minimal interaction with anyone else. Latest DfT figures also indicate that weekly tests for UK hauliers, show a positivity rate of only 0.02%, suggesting this would be a very low-risk option.

I hope that you will support this ask – something that the Government can do that will have a positive impact on driver numbers and keeping these critical healthy key workers on the road.

As is always the case, we would be delighted to support you and your officials with any further information that might be required.

I look forward to your reply.

Yours sincerely,



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