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Dear Ken

## **CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19): MEASURES TO TACKLE THE PANDEMIC IN SCOTLAND**

I am writing to you in relation to the current coronavirus restrictions and requirements.

On 7 October the First Minister announced that further, temporary restrictions would be introduced on a nationwide basis with other specific measures being introduced across the Central Belt. The temporary measures came into force on Friday 9 October and were planned to last until Sunday 25 October inclusive (the regulations currently expire at 6 am on 26 October). We have judged that these measures are required for a short additional period, until a levels-based approach can be debated in Parliament and then implemented. Regulations will be brought forward tomorrow to extend the current regulations for a further seven days which will give them a new expiry date of 6 am on Monday 2 November.

We will continue to keep the various restrictions under review and will keep the Scottish Parliament updated.

This letter has been copied to the Conveners of the Covid-19, Health and Sport and Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committees.

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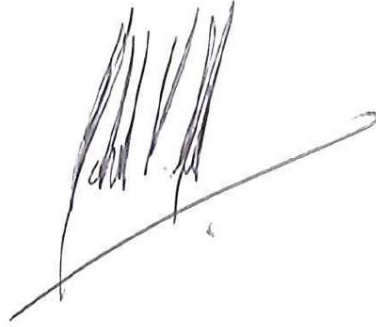
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Yours sincerely.

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