



Nadhim Zahawi  
Minister for COVID Vaccine Deployment  
House of Commons  
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Dear Minister,

**RE: Vaccine Priority**

We are writing to remind you of a key essential industry that has largely been forgotten throughout the pandemic, the laundry workers. Every week our members process millions of pieces of laundry from the NHS and private hospitals. We also keep the vaccine roll out functioning by processing the protective wear for the pharmaceutical industry as we process specialist cleanroom garments every day. Without commercial laundries our country's fight against the virus would fail. Therefore, please may you consider providing us with the recognition as an essential industry to be included on the vaccine priority list? This would be vital to keep the laundry operations intact and to reassure the staff that they are seen as valuable workers. Additionally, it will help manage sickness and isolation absenteeism which is having an enormous impact on the specialist healthcare and workwear laundries.

I very much look forward to hearing from you and if you have any queries with regards to our industry, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely,

David Stevens

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Stevens', written in a cursive style.

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