



## **Textile Services Association's open letter to the Government on behalf of hospitality laundries**

3 November 2020

Dear Sir or Madam,

PLEASE, PLEASE do not forget us again.

The first national lockdown nearly destroyed the commercial laundries who service the hospitality industry. We had virtually no help from the government as we were deemed ineligible for rates rebates and hospitality grants, so apart from the furlough scheme, we were left on our own.

Many members borrowed money to see them through the summer, which has sustained them to date and we did see some recovery during late summer, but COVID-19 is still here and volumes will drop dramatically again as we enter the second lockdown.

We need to be eligible for rates rebates and grant support to be made available for those businesses that supply the hospitality sector. Without help, they will go under. Tens of thousands of jobs are at risk if you do not take immediate action to support our industry.

If we do not survive, who will support the hospitality industry? Without us, it cannot survive.

I urge you do not forget us this time. We need help and we need it now.

Yours faithfully,

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