



An open letter to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, HM Treasury

The Rt Hon Rishi Sunak MP,
Chancellor of the Exchequer
HM Treasury
1 Horse Guards Road
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Dear Chancellor,

We, the undersigned, hereby call on the Government to end the disparities in government Covid-19 support packages that are currently excluding millions across the UK, putting livelihoods and businesses at risk.

Covid-19 and the ensuing lockdown has presented the most unforeseen challenges to individuals, communities and businesses the length and breadth of the UK. While government support packages have provided much needed support for many, gaping holes within these measures remain with an estimated 3 million finding themselves left out and left behind.

From those in between jobs or due to start new jobs after 19 March, the newly self-employed and new businesses, the self-employed with either low or +£50k net profits, those in less than 50% self-employment, those on parental leave, those on PAYE freelance short-term contracts, low investment startups, small limited company owner-directors, businesses ineligible for grants... The list goes on.

We are a collective front supporting all those fighting for justice as a result of being excluded from government Covid-19 grants.

We all want to play our role in helping the economy recover. However, in order to do so, we need support to emerge from this crisis and to be able to thrive again, as individuals and as businesses.

We urgently call on the Government to address the disparities in support, to ensure that all individuals and businesses currently excluded, entirely or largely, from Covid-19 grants are given the support they need and rightfully deserve.

We are #excludedUK, but as an organisation, Excluded UK is inclusive on all levels. We urge the Government to do likewise.

Yours Sincerely,

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Founders, ExcludedUK

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