



Freeman Amy Hutchinson and CEO of BOSS sends news of their Covid-19 activity

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Amy writes:

BOSS Chairman, Simon Drakeford, has written a letter to Alok Sharma MP, Secretary of State outlining the critical work the business supplies industry does in supplying the NHS, schools, care homes and research centres in addition to Government departments such as the MoD, DoJ, the Home Office and HM Treasury.

Now supported by 710 companies in the business supplies sector representing a combined turnover of over £3bn the letter emphasises that our industry is focused on ensuring these critical businesses and departments can continue to operate during the COVID-19 pandemic. It highlights that after the announcement of the lockdown last Monday and the mass movement of businesses to home working, it has further become clear that deliveries of essential supplies to homes and businesses are paramount to ensure the UK remains as productive as possible.

The letter explains that as an industry we have a supply chain that can a) move goods efficiently and b) that is already prioritising delivery to critical businesses. The letter asks the Government to:

- List businesses in our sector as essential
- To prioritise business critical supplies
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In addition it highlights our highly effective supply chain and asks Government how we can support them in their battle against COVID-19.

[Click here to read Simon's letter.](#)

Simon is CEO of Eurooffice (a Stationers' Company Corporate Member) and currently the Chairman of the BOSS Federation.

Amy says that If any of your office supplies businesses are affected please contact BOSS at coronahelp@bossfederation.co.uk.