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Dear [INSERT NAME OF YOUR MP HERE]

I am writing to you as my Member of Parliament to ask you to write to the Prime Minister to urge him to reopen indoor gyms and leisure facilities on the 4 July.

As a regular [gym goer/swimmer/local leisure centre user DELETE AS APPROPRIATE] with Trilogy Leisure in Northampton, gym use/swimming/leisure centre use is a key part of my physical and mental wellbeing. I’ve been unable to visit my local leisure centre for over three months but accepted this as necessary to prevent the spread of Covid-19.

However, it is incredibly frustrating to see indoor gyms and leisure facilities ignored, even as the Prime Minister announced that pubs and hairdressers can reopen as part of a further relaxation of lockdown restrictions.

The Government has repeatedly claimed that physical activity is a key part of getting through the current situation, yet this option is not available for the millions of people who swim every year, including many thousands who struggle to be active on land because of health conditions.

UK Active submitted comprehensive health and safety guidance to the Government on 7 May. The guidance detailed social distancing measures and enhanced already robust hygiene and sanitisation measures. Swim England has also produced guidance detailing how people can get back in the water in a safe, controlled manner. All of this makes the decision to delay the reopening of indoor gyms and leisure facilities even more frustrating.

Please write to the Prime Minister to raise these concerns on behalf of the thousands of people in your constituency who are desperate to get back to indoor gyms and into the water and urge the Prime Minister to reconsider his decision not to reopen our leisure facilities.

I look forward to hearing from you and hope to see a copy of your letter to the Prime Minister.

Yours sincerely,

[Your Name]