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Dear Michael,

In the context of the Coronavirus outbreak I am writing on behalf of the members of the BSA to ask for a special and urgent meeting with you to discuss how they can provide extra support and assistance to the Government and the country at this time of exceptional national challenge.

Your officials, Gareth Rhys Williams and Clare Gibbs, have been very good at engaging with us over the business threat that is arising as a direct result of the growing impact of the virus. We appreciate very much their engagement. However as a sector employing around 3 million people in the provision of services and projects across the private and public sectors - of which we estimate one million are directly involved in public service and project delivery - we feel a discussion at senior ministerial level to talk about how we can make the most of the partnership that exists between government and its private and voluntary sector suppliers would be very useful and very welcome.

BSA members are a unique community of suppliers operating across construction and infrastructure, facilities management, ICT, BPO and managed public services. Nowhere else is the full range of service and project delivery represented in such a consistent and coherent way, which is an additional important fact at this moment when ministers need the biggest return for the use of their time.

There are a large number of businesses, charities and social enterprises which deliver services or projects at national and regional level, and we believe there is much we can do to help and support you, the Prime Minister and the Government to keep Britain moving and beat back the virus.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

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