Dear [Your MP]

I write to you as an [owner/director/employee] of a business operating within the wedding industry that resides within your constituency and currently employs [00] people. Our sector continues to suffer from the on-going catastrophic business impact of COVID-19, which will affect our ability to help reignite the UK economy across every industry sector.

To give some idea of the scale of the weddings industry in the UK:

• it creates and hosts almost **250,000** weddings annually

• it generates **£10bn** to the economy

• it supports **400,000** jobs

• it creates a trading platform for **120,000** businesses

If **supported,** the wedding industry in **2021** will:

* host an additional **150,000 more** weddings than in a normal year
* generate **£15bn** to the economy
* create up to **200,000 more** jobs

I’m reaching out to you in the continued hope that at some point the business ministers and treasury will recognise and work with the £10bn wedding sector. Further to the recent announcements on the new three- tiered approach and associated support for businesses, we ask that you read our attached manifesto and a copy of a letter that has been sent to the Chancellor that summarises our position but also address the following three points;

1. As a minimum, please acknowledge that wedding businesses have been closed by the present restrictions
2. Grant us parity with the rest of the hospitality sector, allow us to self-help our sector, give hope to couples and lower the burden on the state
3. Please commit to the Treasury holding a proper conversation with the sector to understand our bounce back potential and what we need to deliver that

I would welcome a meeting or phone conversation with you to provide more information and to elaborate on our sectors challenges at this critical time.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,