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Dear First Minister,

Save Scottish Hospitality

As the owners, operators and employees of Scotland's hospitality businesses, we are writing to you to urge you to Save Scottish Hospitality.

Scottish hospitality faces a crisis and without support from the Scottish Government at the Scottish Budget, we will see our much-loved local hospitality venues disappear forever.

Hospitality is the backbone of our economy. We are one of Scotland's largest employing sectors that creates over £5 billion for the Scottish economy every year.

Across Scotland, hospitality is at the heart of the social and cultural life of our communities. From the village pub to family-owned restaurants, our businesses are often the beating heart of our communities.

But Scottish hospitality is fighting for survival. The hospitality sector was the hardest hit of any Scottish industry by the COVID-19 pandemic and our businesses still face the legacy of challenges created by the pandemic. And this year, over half of Scottish hospitality businesses have seen their costs spiral because of rising inflation and energy prices.

We can't go on like this. Scotland's hospitality sector is now at a crossroads. We can either be supported to survive and flourish, or suffer further decline. Our venues, our livelihoods, and our jobs – which support the communities we serve – are on the line.

Next year, hospitality businesses in England will benefit from 75% relief on their business rates. We urge you to pass on this rates relief in full for Scottish hospitality.

And to help Scottish hospitality thrive and invest in the future, we ask you to create a new hospitality category for business rates that gives our sector a fairer deal.

We understand that times are hard for everyone. But to support the hospitality sector now would protect jobs, save premises from closure, and sustain the revenue that the hospitality sector pays in tax and helps fund public services.

In the absence of new support, many Scottish hospitality businesses will not survive. This is an SOS. Please help us Save Scottish Hospitality.

Yours sincerely,

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18	Jane White Tolbooth Tavern, Falkirk
19	Sharon Crozier Tolbooth Tavern, Falkirk
20	Donald Cruickshank N'Dulge, Dumfries
21	Megan Walker Tolbooth Tavern, Falkirk
22	Angela Chalmers Tolbooth Tavern, Falkirk
23	Lewis Therin Tolbooth Tavern, Falkirk
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62	William Squair Norhet Bar, Edinburgh
63	David Brunton Norhet Bar, Edinburgh
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