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As a collective group of the key beauty organisations we have worked tirelessly to support the department of business, energy and industrial strategy in the development of robust guidelines for the hair, beauty, spa and wellness sector to ensure the industry reopened in a COVID secure way,

Arguably as a sector operating in semi-dinical environments, with rigorous hygiene practices, frequent hand washing and widespread use of PPE as standard practice, we already had increased hygiene and safety standards than most other industries.

This economically valuable sector has been hit hard by the pandemic, with both jobs and previously successful businesses lost and many still in jeopardy. Further unnecessary closure will cause irreversible damage to the public perception and reputation of the safety of our sector, albeit with no justification what-so-ever.

As we saw during the national lockdown, the beauty, spa and wellness sector has a significant role to play in maintaining the overall health and wellbeing of the public. It is absolutely essential that services such as ours remain operational to support the mental, physical and emotional wellbeing of the general public through this crisis.

We are writing to you today to urge you to instruct the changes to central government to allow businesses across the personal care sector to remain open in the responsible and COVID secure way in which they have been operating.

Yours Snoerely,

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