To: [INSERT NAME AND ADDRESS OF TD]

Date: [INSERT DATE]

**Re: Proposed Extension of Part 3 of the Health (Preservation and Protection and Other Emergency Measures in the Public Interest Act) 2020 (hereinafter referred to as the “Act”)**

Dear [INSERT NAME OF TD],

I refer to the above referenced matter and the upcoming vote seeking to extend the duration of Part 3 of the Act, which is due to take place prior to 9th June 2021.

I acknowledge receipt of your correspondence dated [INSERT DATE OF RESPONSE LETTER], however, your response is not accepted.

As stated previously, lockdowns are not advisable “*as the primary means of control of this virus*.” and lockdowns are only “*justified is to buy you time to reorganize, regroup, rebalance your resources, protect your health workers who are exhausted, but by and large, we’d rather not do it.”[[1]](#footnote-1)*

In addition to this fact, Ireland has endured the longest lockdown of any EU country, with our lockdown lasting 5 times longer than Denmark (who have a similar Covid-19 mortality rate to Ireland). Furthermore, Ireland has forced non-essential businesses to close for in excess of 231 days, with the next most severe lockdown taking place in the UK at 173 days – making Ireland a massive outlier[[2]](#footnote-2).

Be under no doubt that any vote to extend the duration of Part 3 of the Act will directly contribute to:

* A massive increase in mental health issues, including severe anxiety, depression and panic attacks;
* Children developing social issues, anxiety, depression and other trauma related illnesses and injury;
* Evident economic devastation, unemployment, the destruction of people’s businesses and the financial hardship inflicted on many people across the country;
* A delay in diagnosis and treatment of illness, including very serious if not terminal illness, and the consequences thereof;
* An increase in suicides with a substantial risk of further significant increase for years to come;
* An increase in alcoholism and domestic violence;
* An increase in the suffering experienced by the homeless;
* Many, especially the elderly being left isolated and deprived of social interaction;
* Families suffering hardship and trauma from excessive restrictions on visiting family members in their homes, hospitals and care homes; and
* Families suffering the trauma of excessive curbs on funeral services.

As stated previously, I confirm that when the next General Election takes place the only issue I shall be concerned with is whether you voted in favour or against the extension of the duration of Part 3 of the Act (and therefore in favour of extending the suffering outlined above) and not only shall I not vote for any TD in favour of extending the duration of Part 3 of the Act, but I shall **relentlessly** canvass against them.

I confirm that I shall continue to write to you over the coming weeks until you offer assurance that you shall be voting against any extension of the duration of the Act.

I await hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

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[INSERT YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS]

1. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x8oH7cBxgwE&t=915s [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. https://www.e-pages.dk/irishtimes/2382/article/1328641/84/1/render/?token=7678b87118af68a816ac32397b2f0afa&vl\_platform=ios&vl\_app\_id=ie.irishtimes.ereader&vl\_app\_version=4.0.2&fbclid=IwAR3dO-U-fUuXIOTawyVbnKpx9x2PVN2Ux4MVjqaOewXSv2ippYrKLy17MXI [↑](#footnote-ref-2)