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To those working in the water sector,

I am writing to express my thanks and gratitude for the work you all do, on behalf of the public, to ensure the continued operation of our water services. In the face of the challenge of this pandemic, your role as key workers is vital and I want to pay a tribute to all of you for delivering an essential service upon which many of our critical sectors, and we as people depend upon.

The Government has had to take a number of unprecedented steps to manage and respond to this national crisis. With such a change to our daily way of life this has presented many challenges for us all. The past few months have not been without their difficulties - staff absences, social distancing and caring for our families and communities, and I am incredibly grateful for the proactive approach and the extraordinary effort you have all shown to keep our vital services running.

Whilst we are starting to look ahead and prepare for other challenges on the horizon, the fight against Covid-19 must continue. The work you all do with continue to be as crucial in the coming weeks and months, to keep clean water coming out of the taps, look after vulnerable consumers and ensure we are well placed to deal with any concurrent incidents affecting the sector.

In the meantime, I reiterate my thanks to you all for your contribution so far; I am incredibly grateful for and proud of the commitment and dedication which you have all demonstrated.

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