The Rt Hon Sir Keir Starmer KCB KC MP

Prime Minister

10 Downing Street

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[INSERT DATE]

Dear Prime Minister,

**SUPPORT FOR BRITAIN’S FAMILY BUSINESSES: REVERSE CHANGES TO BUSINESS RELIEF (BPR)**

Our family business [INSERT NAME] has been based in [constituency] for [xx] years providing jobs and careers for [xx] people and generating the wealth that underpins our economy.

Changes to Inheritance Tax, specifically Business Property Relief (BPR) unveiled in the Budget, will have an enormous and damaging impact on family businesses like ours. They present a material threat to our business, our workers, our local economy, and our community.

The need to accrue for a future 20% Inheritance Tax bill have forced us to review our plans for the future of the business. We are now forced to:

* cut investment by £xx,
* reduce headcount by xx
* sell xx assets / part of the business
* other (be as specific as possible)

We are also facing the very real prospect that the next generation of our family will never be able to take on the running of the business. Consequently, we are not ruling out a sale of the business entirely, potentially to an overseas buyer which will have no interest in our local community or preserving the jobs of the workers we employ.

As Prime Minister, I am calling on you to support us. It is vital that government understands the full impact of the change to BPR on family businesses such as ours, its impact on the wider economy, and your Government’s commitment to achieve growth.

The Treasury has made clear it has no intention of reversing this damaging policy or even considering alternative proposals, despite analysis from independent economists concluding the policy will result in a net loss to the Government, hinder investment and result in considerable job losses.

I am calling on you to intervene and hold a formal consultation to let you to hear from family business owners like me, and for you to give due consideration to ideas that will raise additional funds for the Treasury, whilst protecting family businesses – giving us the incentive to continue to invest, provide job security and sustainable livelihoods for employees, and stimulate the economic growth the country desperately needs.

Sincerely,

[NAME]

[POSITION]

[COMPANY]

Cc [LOCAL MP]