**Template letter**

Dear ADD IN NAME OF CANDIDATE

**Invitation to visit your local business**

I am contacting you to ask if my business can rely on you to support our industry and the people whose livelihoods depend on it when you enter Parliament later this summer.

One of the highest priorities for the next government will be to support local people to secure a lasting economic recovery – and I must stress to you how important a healthy logistics industry is in achieving that.

As you are no doubt aware, the road haulage industry is critical to our nation’s economic success. 89% of freight in this country is moved by road, with that proportion rising to 98% for food and agricultural products.

My business faces challenges – as does the whole sector. **Rising costs** in my industry are inflationary. When the cost of distribution increases, people see higher prices in their everyday shop. Every sector in the economy is affected: construction, services, and manufacturing to name just a few.

We also experience **skills shortages** of technicians and drivers, a **lack of good quality facilities** on roadsides for my drivers who desperately deserve better, and **continued uncertainty** around net zero targets where decisions are not stuck to.

Our industry is counting on you to support us**. I would be delighted to host you for a visit to discuss in more detail the issues affecting us** – as well as potential solutions. If you would be able to confirm your support for the industry and visit my premises I would be greatly appreciative.

I look forward to reading your response.

Kind regards,

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