

Dear [MP NAME],

I live at [INSERT ADDRESS] in your constituency and I am emailing you urging you to call on the Chancellor to #SaveNightclubs by:

Providing a financial survival package to help nightclubs weather COVID's impact of the coronavirus and assist in future reopening

Introducing protection from eviction for nightclubs during and immediately after the crisis

Extending business rate relief by one year to enable nightclubs to get back on their feet

Whether you're a patron or not, there is no denying that nightclubs contribute enormously to our country's economy, generating £3bn a year in income. The sector is also a vital source of jobs, particularly for the young, employing around 45,000 people - 72% of who are under 25 years old.

Nightclubs are also an important part of domestic tourism, with 10% bar visits and 9% club visits forming part of a city break. Today it is an industry under intense pressure and without urgently needed government assistance, UK nightclubs - and their enormous economic contribution - will disappear altogether.

This can be prevented if the Chancellor intervenes in the following ways:

An Emergency Financial Survival Package

Nightclubs have remained closed in line with health restrictions - but have no way to earn money.

This risks the future of the sector, the job security of staff and the enormous economic and cultural contribution nightclubs provide to the UK. The Chancellor must provide a rescue package to help the sector weather the impact of the coronavirus and assist reopening once the law deems it to be safe.

Protection from eviction

Nightclubs that can't earn can't afford rent and now face eviction. Even rent deferrals mean that those nightclubs that do survive will reopen to immediately find themselves in debt to their landlords - likely to the tune of millions of pounds - and this could finish what remains of the industry.

The Chancellor must introduce protection from eviction for nightclubs, both during and immediately after the crisis to allow the industry to get back on its feet.

Business Rate Relief Extension

Unless the government extends business rate relief, by April 2021 nightclubs will face yet another cost that could prove the breaking point for many. Venues will likely face closure or will be forced to let staff go in order to survive the financial loss. The Chancellor must extend business rate relief by a further year, enabling our sector to get back on its feet.

Allowing nightclubs to disappear would be devastating, causing a tsunami of job losses, a wipeout of future economic contributions and further ruin to towns and cities across the UK which are already on their knees. I would be grateful if you could urgently write to the Chancellor and lend your vital support to the #SaveNightclubs campaign.

Yours sincerely,

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