



Dear Member of Parliament,

I am writing to you to ask for your support for the Coalition Against Crime/Federation of Small Businesses (FSB) 'Every Crime, Every Time' campaign.

You may already be aware that the FSB's 'Lifting the Barriers to Business Growth' survey highlighted that nearly two thirds of businesses were victims of crime during the previous 12 months. Also worrying was that only 26% of those affected felt it was worth reporting because the police didn't respond. A further survey carried out by the Coalition Against Crime revealed that only around one in 8 incidents were reported and many businesses were repeat victims.

When businesses like mine suffer from high levels of crime and anti-social behaviour it can make operations difficult for both the business and staff alike. Crime affects our ability to meet customer deadlines, attract customers and our profitability - ultimately putting jobs at risk. Mine is not the only business to be affected in this way, ultimately impacting upon the whole community in which we live and work, both in terms of economic development and employment of local people.

Without the evidence to give to the Police and Government to demonstrate the true level of crime against business, we will be unable to access the resources we need to reduce crime, fear of crime and combat this threat to economic prosperity.

I am therefore supporting the 'Every Crime, Every Time' campaign to help ensure that crime against business is moved much higher up the Police and political agenda. I am going to start **reporting all incidents of crime and anti-social behaviour** in and around my premises so that the true scale of the problem is apparent.

I ask for your support in this campaign, to help protect our businesses and communities.

Yours faithfully,

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Providing Employment to Local People

