

**Please tailor with your details, addressing the letter to your MP, and sending on your company letterhead**

20 March 2020

Your MP's name here

Address line 1

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Dear <Name of MP>

As measures to fight the spread of the COVID-19 virus become more restricting we write to reassure you that as an electrical wholesaler we are ready to step up to the mark, but we need your help. Our business is a vital part of this country's electrical supply chain, providing electricians and contractors with the products, services and expertise needed to ensure that hospitals, transport, factories, warehouses, supermarkets, businesses and homes can continue to rely on a safe supply of electricity and use of their electrical equipment and appliances.

**Please ensure that Electrical Wholesale outlets remain open for business throughout this Coronavirus crisis.**

If I may briefly expand on our role in the electrical supply chain. As the 'specialist supermarkets' of the electrician and contractor, we are a vital link in the supply chain between manufacturers of electro-technical products and the qualified electricians who install them. This workforce must have access to components for essential electrical installation and maintenance work, including components used to keep **ventilators and ventilation equipment working**.

The Government's published list of Key Workers included Utility Workers and this must include electricians and electrical engineers who are on the front line ensuring continuity of supply and making sure installed electrical items continue to function. It is therefore imperative that these Key Workers have access to the materials, components and spare and replacement parts to maintain electrical systems and devices. For this we need to assure a consistent and reliable supply of electro-technical products.

Our trade body, the Electrical Distributors' Association (EDA) – 020 3141 7350 [www.eda.org.uk](http://www.eda.org.uk) - has already written to The Rt Hon Alok Sharma at the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy and they await a response. The EDA represents 75-80% of the UK's electrical wholesalers (246 businesses who have almost 2,000 outlets throughout the UK with expert technical staff and fleets of vehicles), who can continue to assure the supply of essential electro-technical products to front-line Key Workers.

We understand that you will be very busy at this critical time but if you would like to discuss this further we would be happy to meet with you. You can contact me on [<add your contact details here>](#). We would be grateful for any action that you can take to ensure that electrical wholesalers can continue to trade to provide products and services to Key Workers making them in turn, Key Workers.

Yours sincerely

Your name

Job Title