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MP for Southland

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Hon Chris Hipkins
Minister of Covid-19 Response
Parliament Buildings
WELLINGTON 6160

Dear Minister,

I write to you as the Member of Parliament for Southland to request your urgent attention on behalf of the businesses and employees in my region.

Businesses and the people they employ are facing a crisis and urgently need your intervention so that they can all access Rapid Antigen Tests.

In Phase 2 employees and employers will be required to isolate for 7 days from the last time they were exposed to someone with Covid-19.

Critical workers can however access rapid antigen tests and return to work if they test negative.

It appears that this will continue once the country moves to Phase 3.

However every business is an essential business. Every employee is critical to their family and their employer, and they should all be able to access daily rapid antigen tests.

The government has step back from its incredibly strict control over the supply of rapid antigen tests, allow everyone to buy and access them, and let everyone get back to work and keep their businesses running.

Yours faithfully,

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