Dear [MPs surname](https://members.parliament.uk/constituencies/), 27th July 2020

**Temporary Machine Games Duty cut to 5% for high street arcades**

On behalf of [insert business], I am writing to request your support for temporarily reducing Machine Games Duty to 5%, in order to help my business, recover from months of closure as a result of the Coronavirus pandemic.

[insert detail about your business and how you have been financially impacted by Covid-19]

Whilst we welcome the targeted measures to support the leisure industry – such as the reduction to 5% reduced rate of VAT – the product retailed in our own premises, machine gaming, is taxed in a different way – via Machine Games Duty. It is one of the major costs to our businesses.

We are urging the Government to consider reducing MGD rates in line with the VAT reduction, to 5%. This would have a positive impact on our income and therefore our ability to make capital investment to ensure the long-term viability of our High Street business. High Streets are in desperate need of support post the Covid-19 lockdown and this relatively small measure would help us play our part in bringing back footfall.

We are simply asking for the same principle of assistance extended to other leisure business to take account of the diverse taxation framework that we operate within. We pay [insert the amount of MGD paid annually] [insert how much VAT you pay annually]. If we could keep a portion of this cash in the business the reinvestment it would allow would create additional economic activity which in turn would feed back to the UK economy as a whole.

Unfortunately, operating in this “new normal”, where consumer habits have fundamentally changed, makes the challenge of operating all the greater. We are going to need all the help we can get.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

[Insert first name and surname, job title and business]