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Dear Colleague,

COVID COMMEMORATION CONSULTATION

You may recall that I wrote to you last month regarding the UK Commission on Covid Commemoration's regional meetings which took place across the UK. I am pleased to report that these meetings were highly productive and we are beginning to have an understanding of how bereaved families and stakeholders wish to commemorate the COVID-19 pandemic.

Today, the UK Commission on Covid Commemoration has launched a consultation, giving people across the UK the opportunity to say how they think the pandemic should be remembered and with possible suggestions including the adoption of a Remembrance Sunday-style symbol, dedicated memorials and reflective spaces. The Commission is also seeking suggestions on suitable dates to hold a national day of remembrance and views on how future generations should be educated about the sacrifices made throughout the pandemic, as well as marking key achievements such as the development of the vaccines and the valuable contribution made by volunteers.

The consultation will run for 6 weeks ending on Monday, 5 December and the consultation is available in various accessible formats. Details on how to complete the consultation are available on our gov.uk page here. I would be grateful if you could disseminate this information to your constituents as it is vitally important that we hear views from all corners of the UK.

Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the Secretariat at ukcovidcommemoration@cabinetoffice.gov.uk

Yours sincerely,

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