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Dear Robin

THE HEALTH PROTECTION (CORONAVIRUS, RESTRICTIONS) (NORTHERN IRELAND) REGULATIONS 2020 - REVIEW

I note your Executive paper dated 12 April 2020.

I agree that:

- i. the requirement in Regulation 2 (2) for a review of the Regulations has been met;
- ii. the Regulations continue to be an appropriate response to the serious and imminent threat to public health which is posed by the incidence and spread of severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) in Northern Ireland;
- iii. the restrictions and requirements imposed by these Regulations continue to be proportionate to what they (the Regulations) seek to achieve, which is a public health response to that infectious disease threat; and
- iv. all of the restrictions and requirements set out in the Regulations continue to be necessary to prevent, protect against, control or provide a public health response to the incidence and spread of coronavirus infection in Northern Ireland.

I acknowledge the economic implications these Regulations will have and indeed the work that will be necessary to kick start our economy, but for now we need to continue with the restrictions.

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