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| Dear [Recipient]  **COVID-19**   [Introductory sentence about being a member of the constituency and whether or not you have had contact before].  The UK’s lockdown has so far been successful. The daily death-toll, however you measure it, is now in decline. And we should celebrate that.  At the same time, the government’s original target as set out in late March by Stephen Powis, the Medical Director of National Health Service England – which was to contain the death toll to below 20,000 – has long been exceeded. More concerning still is the absence of a realistic but achievable target now.  The best measure of deaths is probably the Financial Times’s estimates of total COVID-related deaths in all settings, which currently stands at well over 50,000. While not precise, this number is both comprehensive and resistant to manipulation.  Because of the success of the lockdown, experts suggest that, well-handled, the death toll on this measure could still be contained to well under 100,000 on the FT measure. On the other hand, a reckless unlocking could see 400,000 deaths in the UK. It is vital that the government has a target for the maximum death toll, to guide its strategy in the interests of its people.  I am writing to ask you to push the government to adopt a target of no more than 80,000 deaths related to COVID-19.  Yours sincerely,  [Your Name] |