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**The Rt. Hon. Grant Shapps M.P.**

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Department for Transport  
Great Minister House  
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**Dear Grant**

**Support for London Black Cab Drivers**

I am writing to you regarding support available to London black cab drivers following the announcement by the Government to advise the public to work from home.

I am deeply concerned that the impact of restrictions and the Omicron variant will mean that black cab drivers will be left without work. This would mean many potentially running into financial difficulties.

The iconic black cab is as symbolic of Britain as the red bus, the red telephone box and Buckingham Palace. It would be a deep shame to see an honest trade disappear from our streets due to a lack of Government support for this historic trade.

Black cab drivers remain a vital part of the capital's transport system and play a key role in keeping London moving, therefore I would hope you would agree that cabbies need all the support, financial or otherwise, during 'work from home' advice from the Government.

I would therefore urge you to consider Government support for black cab drivers, many of whom are constituents of mine in Romford.

Many cabbies in the constituency make it very clear to me that they need some assurances and support from the Government that the industry will be supported during 'work from home' advice.

With every good wish.

Yours ever,

**Andrew Rosindell M.P.**