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Dear Stuart, Ross, Margaret, Kerrie, John and Tony,

Thank you for your letter of 19 June 2020, regarding quarantine and exemptions for offshore energy personnel. As Maritime Minister these are matters that are of great importance to me personally and I appreciate your letter raising the issue.

While this is understandably seen as a Maritime issue, ultimately the negotiations regarding exemptions to the 14-day quarantining period for offshore workers entering the UK are made by colleagues at the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS). As such your letter has been passed to that Department for response.

However, as this is a matter I feel great concern for, and impacts many of the services linked to Maritime industries, in support of your letter I have written separately to my BEIS colleagues highlighting the importance of the workers you represent and the industry they support, both of which are key to maintaining the welfare of UK citizens and the health of our economy.

I hope this offers you reassurance that you have my continued support.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kelly Tolhurst". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

KELLY TOLHURST MP

MINISTER FOR AVIATION, MARITIME AND SECURITY