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Dear Gary,

When people look back on this period of our history, they are going to have to answer one really testing question: "how did a country so deeply divided by the Brexit question manage to pivot in a matter of days to become one of the world's most unified communities?"

For the answer we need to look no further than Her Majesty's March 19th message to the Nation.

"At times such as these, I am reminded that our nation's history has been forged by people and communities coming together to work as one, concentrating our combined efforts with a focus on the common goal."

And nowhere has the coming together been more evident than in our Capital and in our Borough. Perhaps the greatest symbol of this has been with the National Health Service and the wider community support. This impressive combination of medical professionals, hospital ancillary staff, military, public and private partnerships, local authorities, charities, and citizen volunteers working as one, provides a glowing example of what happens when we concentrate *"our combined efforts with a focus on the common goal"*.

However, behind the proud headlines lie many worrying issues, including; those struck down by Covid-19; the vulnerable; the old who are housebound and dependent on others for life's basics; children in cramped accommodation with little to satisfy the demands of agile minds and growing bodies, and many, many others.

Happily London is blessed with having many wonderful organisation such as yours which are working in Hammersmith & Fulham to help our community to get through this period.

As the Representative Deputy Lieutenant for the Borough, I wanted to let you know that your organisation's hard work is massively appreciated, especially in these fraught times.



Your work and support for our Borough during this period exemplifies all that is good about our communities; our Borough and our City .

Thank you.

Kind Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin McGrath".

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