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Dear Prime Minister

Support for the United Kingdom's Zoos and Aquariums

We, the undersigned parliamentarians, urge you to take action for UK's zoos, aquariums and safari parks.

Sadly, the Zoo Animals Fund has failed to adequately meet the challenges of the pandemic and we are subsequently witnessing a dire impact on the zoo sector and their important conservation work. This failure puts the very survival of the wildlife dependent on the sector at risk. Government support for zoos cannot disappear midway through this pandemic.

The Zoo Animals Fund must be urgently replaced. At the time of writing, only five zoos had successfully been approved for grants, despite the huge need for help across hundreds of organisations. This means the vast majority of the £100 million provided by Government for the Fund is unspent!

We urge your Government to take the simple step of ringfencing all the remaining funds and to work with the sector to implement new schemes that will meaningfully support all zoos, aquariums and safari parks until we win our fight against the coronavirus.

Yours sincerely

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