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Dear Members of the British Public,

My name is Mrs Mentore and I am writing to you to express my deep concerns about how many of you have been ignoring government advice about staying at home. On Monday 23rd March Boris Johnson (our Prime Minister) instructed the nation to stay home apart from the following reasons: shopping for groceries or essentials, medical needs, one form of daily exercise and travelling to and from work (as long as it is absolutely necessary and you cannot work from home). Despite this instruction, there is evidence that members of the public are disregarding the Prime Minister’s request; therefore it is mandatory that you understand the importance of complying with this advice.

The most compelling reason why the Prime Minister’s request must be obeyed is that by staying at home you will be saving lives. If you stay home you will not come in contact with the virus and will prevent you and you loved ones from becoming sick. While some people will think they do not feel unwell it has been scientifically proven that not all people who carry the virus display symptoms. Therefore, if you leave your home, you could be spreading the virus to your family and not even realise the devastation you could be causing.

Spreading the coronavirus has to be curbed otherwise our NHS will crumble. By staying at home you will prevent more citizens from catching the virus and consequently need life-saving support from our health service. Now you may say that you are unable to stay home because you have to earn money in order to put food on your family’s table. However, the government are putting legislation into place to support the self-employed and they have said they will pay up to 80% of employees’ wages. Therefore, be reassured that although times will be difficult your health (and the health of the nation) is the most important thing to secure during this unprecedented time.

During these extraordinary times, we, the British Public need to be willing to make sacrifices. If the previous reasons are not enough to convince you that you must stay home then perhaps the threat of a fine will persuade you. Admittedly, there may be some who say that a fine will not stop them from going out and living their normal lives. But this attitude is completely selfish. We want our lives to return to normal as soon as possible and the longer people snub guidelines, the longer we will have to stay inside. Think of others and not just yourself.

All in all, the reasons for staying in the home outweigh any reason to venture outside. This is the time to be self-less and think of others. So use this time to read a book, clean that cupboard you have been meaning to sort out and put your feet up. Stay home and save a life.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Mentore