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Dear Michael,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposals for all cars, vans and motorcycles with an MOT test expiring from 30 March onwards will be exempted from needing a test for a period of 6 months. Vehicles must be kept in a roadworthy condition.

We welcome the proposal and it will certainly help our members and their customers who may not be able to get a vehicle an MOT when it is needed.

The legislation and timescales proposed make sense.

We do think that rather than addressing this piecemeal with different legislative instruments the Department for Transport should consider a blanket exemption for all vehicle and driver testing requirements for 6 months.

We are aware, for example, that eye tests and doctors appointments for medicals are currently not available which means that driver's are not able to get their driving licences renewed and will not be able to drive and potentially support the vital COVID-19 government response. One piece of legislation covering all these types of driver and vehicle related matters would send a clear message to all involved.

If any further information is required, please let me know we will be happy to assist.

Yours sincerely

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