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Dear

I am very concerned about the 2017 Rateable Value which has been published for my business – include the name of your business, how big it is and how many people you employ.

This increase in Rateable Value is XX% more than the previous rateable value. As such it is considerably more than the average increase of 9.6% for all businesses in England. -2.9% for all businesses in Wales.

I have analysed the data on the Gov.UK website, relating to my business and it is apparent that the Rateable Value per stable has increased from £xx to £xx per stable. The stables are an integral part of the business and are not rented out as individual units. More details on how the stables are a core element of the riding school/livery yard.

I am asking you to look into the reasons why equestrian businesses have been penalised in this way and what can be done about it. This increase in financial burden will have a devastating effect on my business Details on the effect this increase will have.

I was also pleased to see that the threshold for small business rate relief was to increase to £12000 from April 2017. This would have been positive for my business as the previous Rateable Value would have fallen below the new threshold. However with the proposed increase I will not be eligible for this rate relief.

I would like to invite you to visit my centre so that you can see my business and understand what effect this disproportionate rise in Rateable Value will have on my business.

Yours sincerely