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First Minister of Wales
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Dear Mark

A huge number of elderly and vulnerable people living in the Monmouth constituency have contacted me because they are finding it impossible to secure delivery slots from supermarkets. The letters which NHS Wales is now belatedly sending to people with health issues stress the importance of staying at home and getting supplies delivered.

In England, the UK Government has drawn up a list of all those in the "at risk" category and made it available to the supermarkets so they can prioritise deliveries for those who need to stay at home. Furthermore, the government has enabled vulnerable people to register themselves online.

I understand the Welsh Government has decided against creating a database of vulnerable people in Wales and sharing it with supermarkets. This has inevitably meant that many people are being forced to leave their homes in order to get food and are unnecessarily putting themselves at risk of contracting Covid-19.

I would therefore like to ask you to urgently resolve this issue by setting up a similar database, giving people the opportunity to add their names and allowing the supermarkets to use it so they give priority access to food deliveries. I am sure you will agree the Welsh Government should treat its vulnerable and elderly citizens as well as the UK Government treats people in England and I would welcome any comment from you on addressing this inequality.

Yours ever

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