

DearMSP,

Gillian Martin MSP for Aberdeenshire East will be introducing a member's debate on 11 February 2021 on the impact of Covid-19 on the lives of women in Scotland. As one of your constituents, I am writing to ask that you support this motion and contribute to the debate.

Women-owned businesses are critical to Scotland's economy and post pandemic economic recovery. [Studies](#) show women-owned businesses have created over 230,000 jobs and contribute £8.8bn to Scotland's economy every year – more than many of the designated growth sectors including Food and Drink (£5.6bn); Sustainable Tourism (£4.1bn) and Creative Industries (£4.6bn).

The adverse effects on women have been well documented. My own situation as a parent / carer / business owner / worker has been particularly affected by

While life during the pandemic has been difficult for everyone, what would have helped me and my family would have been.....

(Optional – I support the call by Women's Enterprise Scotland for a [national women's business centre](#) to enable more women to start and grow their own businesses, close the gender gap in enterprise participation and ensure women's enterprise is well placed to play a leading role in Scotland's economic recovery.)

Please support the motion by Gillian Martin and the call for a more equal economy based on wellbeing for everyone in Scotland.

Yours etc.