



HOUSE OF COMMONS

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## **A NATIONAL MEMORIAL TO THOSE WHO HAVE DIED FROM COVID-19**

I have been asked to support the campaign for the construction of a memorial to the victims of COVID-19, in the light of the impact of coronavirus on our country.

The outbreak of the virus has had a significant impact on our social and economic life. We have had to give up the freedoms that we once took for granted and faced new restrictions to our way of life. The British people have adapted to these changes with fortitude and courage.

I am grateful for the efforts of NHS staff, care workers and other key workers. They have carried out their duties tirelessly and with great courage. I know that the entire nation is thankful for their work.

The loss and suffering caused by the virus has been felt keenly by families and communities across the country. We will never forget the sadness or anxiety of recent months which have been unprecedented in peacetime.

I very much welcome the "*Remember Me*" online book and memorial for those in the UK – of all faiths, beliefs or none – who have died as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. This was launched by HRH the Prince of Wales, and is available as below:

Website: [www.rememberme2020.uk](http://www.rememberme2020.uk)

Twitter: @RememberMeMemo

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/RememberMeMemorialBook>

Instagram: @remembermememorial

I understand that a permanent physical memorial at St Paul's Cathedral is also being considered.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Conor Burns', with a horizontal line underneath.