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Dear Tim,

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As I mentioned when I saw you, several constituents have contacted me about the RPA's decision last August to suspend 17 Producer Organisations (POs) from the EU Fruit and Vegetable Aid Scheme, including G's Growers Ltd which operates in my constituency.

G's Growers have tried unsuccessfully to establish with the RPA what they need to do to be compliant with the scheme, as the attached record of correspondence shows. Because the latest decision was sent to them the day before the 2012 deadline, it has proved impossible for them to continue with their operating programme for 2012, which included significant capital investment and job creation in the Littleport area.

I have written to the Chief Executive at the RPA, Mark Grimshaw, and would appreciate any update you can give on the RPA's position.

This decision is causing serious problems for G's Growers. I would be very grateful if you could investigate their case and consider what steps could be taken to mitigate the damage.


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