



A **NOT SO HAPPY** CHRISTMAS

(Apologies for the tree but we haven't had much to celebrate this year)



"The provision of garments is absolutely imperative. We couldn't run if we didn't have garments. If we have a problem with supply, we can't build"

Vauxhall Motors



"People think about nurses and doctors but they think that sheets magically appear every day, but if sheets no longer magically appeared in the cupboards, there'd be a huge impact on patient care. Without laundry, an acute trust wouldn't last more than a day."

Royal Devon & Exeter NHS Trust



"It's probably the most important item in the process. If my fruit & veg doesn't turn up, I can change menus or nip down to the shop, but if my laundry does not turn up... my beds cannot be sold, my rooms cannot be sold. It impacts the key components for our business."

Hilton Worldwide



"Clean linen is vital to our operations. If we don't have clean linen, we can't make beds. If you can't make beds, you can't sell rooms. Without it, you can't survive."

Radisson Blu



To the UK Government, We call upon you to think of us over the festive period.

Laundries have been forced to close due to government policies, but unlike all other industries, the textile services sector has received no support from the treasury. We're used to being a hidden cog and playing the often-overlooked role, but this all feels rather unfair.

Our industry employs over 28,000 people. Without the services we provide, the hospitality marketplace simply cannot operate. Hotels will not bounce back without us. Deprived of a supply of fresh, clean linen, a hotel will have to close its doors within three days.

From hotels to food production to hospitals - the textile services industry sits behind practically every sector of the UK's economy. If the laundry industry ceased to operate, the UK economy would forego significant output as businesses and industries would grind to a halt.

If the economy is to move into a recovery phase, the ability of key sectors, especially in hospitality and manufacturing, to drive this recovery depend on the health of the textile services industry.

Now, in our hour of need, we ask for a chance to talk. We know you have a lot on. But we've tried and tried. 'Tis the season for giving and all we ask is for a fair hearing to present our case.

Thank you, we wish you a **Merry Christmas**.

The Board of the Textile Services Association



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(we know exactly how it feels
to be under appreciated)

We really would like to talk.

If you are willing to pick up the phone, please call
David Stevens, TSA CEO on **07966 531954**.

The mobile is on, waiting your call.



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