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## **Re. Condition Improvement Fund (CIF) applications outcome**

Dear Secretary of State,

We are writing collectively on behalf of the UK roofing industry to ask you to announce the outcome of 2020/2021 Condition Improvement Fund (CIF) applications as a matter of urgency.

The UK roofing industry is worth £6 billion, and the repair, maintenance and improvement of our school and college buildings forms a crucial element of work for many roofing contractors across the country, as well as the wider roofing supply chain. The delay to this crucial announcement is already having a detrimental impact on their workloads and confidence, at the worst possible time.

This announcement, usually made in April, is now almost three months late. With only a few weeks to go until the summer holidays, schools still have not heard whether they have been successful or not. It would be a great shame if schools were not able to make the most of the quiet summer period to upgrade their schools in preparation for the new term in September.

The government have made clear that they see the construction industry as a key sector to lead the UK's recovery out of the Covid-19 pandemic and are looking for 'shovel ready' projects to bring forward. Giving the 'green light' to the £400m Condition Improvement Fund (CIF), would be one quick and easy way of doing this. It would not only provide roofers but many other parts of the construction industry with immediate work over the summer. By making this decision now it could mean the survival of many roofing contractors and the retention of thousands of skilled workers.

We urge you to make this announcement as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

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