



# Federation of Small Businesses

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Dear \_\_\_\_\_ MP,

I am writing to ask for your support for the Federation of Small Businesses (FSB) *Every Crime, Every Time* campaign. The campaign was cited in Early Day Motion 1358 tabled by Ken Purchase MP in April 2008.

You may already be aware that the FSB's *Crimes against business: the forgotten fifth* ten point action plan (see [www.fsb.org.uk](http://www.fsb.org.uk)) highlighted that 57% businesses were victims of crime during a 12 month period. It also highlighted that a significant 40% of business owners felt that it was not worth reporting because of a lack of faith in the system.

When businesses like mine suffer from high levels of crime and anti-social behaviour it can make operations difficult for both the business and staff alike. Crime affects our ability to meet customer deadlines, attract customers and our profitability - ultimately putting jobs at risk. Mine is not the only business to be affected in this way, ultimately impacting upon the community in which we live and work, both in terms of economic development and employment of local people.

Without the evidence to give to the Police and Government to demonstrate the true level of crime against business, we will be unable to access the resources we need to reduce crime, fear of crime and combat this threat to economic prosperity.

I am therefore supporting the *Every Crime, Every Time* campaign to help ensure that crime against business is moved much higher up the Police and political agenda. I am going to start reporting all incidents of crime and anti-social behaviour in and around my premises so that the true scale of the problem is apparent.

I ask for your support in this campaign, to help protect our businesses and communities.

Yours sincerely,

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FSB Member

Every Crime Every Time webpage at: [www.fsb.org.uk/ecet](http://www.fsb.org.uk/ecet)