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Good afternoon Suzanne

Would you please pass on my regards and appreciation to Minister Swann for his elucidating commentary during the hearings regarding DoH work on the 'parity' issues for infected blood affected and infected victims.

It is refreshing to understand the Minister's rationale and commitment to providing recognised parity and his determination to support bereaved spouses or partners during the interaction with Inquiry Counsel. Please assure him that the support and approach he has committed to has made a significant improvement to the lives of the affected or infected recipients.

I welcome his clear recognition of the need for a moral acknowledgement for victims of the scandal and the way he clearly and firmly views the moral role of government. This was very helpful and provides resonance with the view of victims.

Can you please pass on to the Minister my firm belief that our improvement is due to his willingness to act. My experience of other government ministers and government officials is that their default tends to be defending the past rather than taking responsibility to make the future better. Minister Swann has been a champion for victims in Northern Ireland and we need champions.

Once again I would ask you to pass on my appreciation for his support and the delivery of his 3 phased approach on support. I would urge him to continue with this with a mind to the likely outcomes leading from the inquiry's final report and to ensure that he will embed these commitments in DoH policy so that consistency will exist after the next election.

Kind regards

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