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for

Dear Prime Minister

One of your first acts as Prime Minister was to ensure that haemophiliacs who had been infected with the HIV virus received adequate compensation. Later, in February 1992, following a deputation which I bought to see you, you agreed to widen this compensation to include non-haemophiliacs who had also been infected with the HIV virus through being treated with contaminated blood products. The various announcements about help for haemophiliacs both under Margaret Thatcher's premiership and yourself involved meetings with the Prime Minister of the day. I should therefore be most grateful if you would be willing to meet a deputation of colleagues to discuss the plight of those who have been infected with Hepatitis C. Some of them have died already and others will do so. I apologise for asking you to receive a deputation but believe that a decision on this matter is more likely to come from half an hour with you than from meetings with the Department of Health. I would however promise that any deputation did not last for too long as I know how busy you are. Perhaps I could make the purely political point that a decision to help this unfortunate group might improve our image at a relatively low cost. I am sending a copy of this letter to John Ward.

Yours sincerely

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MP for Hendon South

