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MRS VIRGINIA BOTTOMLEY, M.P

Dear Madam,

I am writing to you personally regarding an extremely urgent health problem, which I believe should be the subject of an immediate PUBLIC ENQUIRY.

I have been having intravenous immunoglobulin therapy at the John Radcliffe Hospital in Oxford, and I have been given an infected batch of this product, which has resulted in me catching 'HEPATITIS C', which as you know can be fatal. - I have just come out of Hospital after battling against a major attack of Hepatitis C, and I am now having to inject myself with 6 injections of the drug INTERFERON per week to try and keep partially well. - As you probably know I will carry this virus for as long as I live. The details of this infected batch etc, are enclosed on the two photo-copied sheets I received from the hospital and P.I.A. association. I understand that there are approx 20 cases so far in the U.K involving BAXTER HEALTHCARE, plus European cases.

I am absolutely shattered and disgusted at having been infected in this negligent manner, as I already have multiple health problems anyway. I would like an answer

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 Please give me the following six major questions:

- ① ARE YOU PERSONALLY AWARE OF THIS NEARFUL HEALTH HAZARD/SCANDAL?
- ② IF YOU ARE AWARE, WHY HAVEN'T YOU COME OUT IN THE PUBLIC DOMAIN WITH THIS PROBLEM, AND ORDERED AN IMMEDIATE PUBLIC ENQUIRY?
- ③ WHAT PLANS HAVE YOU TO SUE THE MANUFACTURERS ETC. FOR THEIR OBVIOUS NEGLIGENCE?
- ④ WHAT PLANS HAVE YOU TO PROPERLY COMPENSATE THE INNOCENT VICTIMS OF THIS NEGLIGENCE?
- ⑤ WHAT STEPS WILL YOU/HAVE YOU TAKEN TO ENSURE THIS WILL NEVER HAPPEN AGAIN?
- ⑥ I HAVE BEEN INFORMED BY SENIOR MEDICAL STAFF AT THE JOHN RADCLIFFE HOSPITAL IN OXFORD, THAT THEY HAVE CONSTANTLY REQUESTED FROM YOUR DEPT. THAT A "SAFE" SUPPLY OF BRITISH MADE BLOOD PRODUCTS BE MANUFACTURED AND CONTROLLED IN THE U.K. - THEY CLAIM THAT YOUR DEPT. HAVE SAID IT IS TOO COSTLY, AND THAT IT IS CHEAPER TO IMPORT FOREIGN BLOOD PRODUCTS. - IS THIS TRUE?

My life has been stunned and turned upside down by this negligence, and I look forward to hearing from you with some straight answers as soon as possible.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs GRO-A
 (MRS GRO-A)

N.B. - I have sent copies of this letter to the following:

JOHN MAJOR - P.M.
 JOHN SMITH - LABOUR LEADER
 DAVID BLUNKETT - LABOUR SHADOW HEALTH SECRETARY
 CHERYL GILLAN - CONSERVATIVE M.P.