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The Rt. Honourable Theresa May, MP
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Dear Mrs May,

I am writing to you as chair of the National Assembly for Wales' Cross Party Group on Haemophilia and Contaminated Blood. The group represents the victims living in Wales who have been affected by the contaminated blood scandal, as well as Assembly Members and the chair of Haemophilia Wales.

I welcomed your announcement in July that there would be an inquiry into the scandal and the recent news that this will be a statutory inquiry under the Inquiries Act conducted by the Cabinet Office.

I understand that in England and Scotland there are diverse views about how the inquiry should be set up. However in Wales we are united – there are very strong views that this should be a judge-led inquiry (assisted by a panel of two experts) and this has been maintained

consistently in all the large meetings we've had with affected people and families over many months.

The Cabinet Secretary for Health has also attended these meetings and will also be writing to you separately on behalf of the Welsh Government in support of the Cross Party Group's view.

Those affected in Wales and their legal representatives are agreed that an issue of this complexity requires a panel with a wide range of skills and a strong legal background. What is clear is that the inquiry Chair must have the strongest possible powers to compel witnesses to finally unravel the truth about this scandal.

This inquiry comes decades too late for those who've died from diseases transfused in contaminated blood and the family members who are grieving for lost loved ones.

People who are living with the consequences of being given contaminated blood and those whose loved ones were affected want answers. They deserve to finally know the truth of who knew about the contaminated blood and why it continued to be given. I urge you to intervene to make sure there is swift progress in setting up a judge-led public inquiry and to do this job properly, once and for all.

Best regards

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