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Mrs Collette Wintle

GRO-C

Dear Mrs Wintle

Just a brief line to thank you for writing to me about The Archer Inquiry and for your enclosures. I can assure you that I know the 'tainted blood' story very well; indeed, I gave evidence to the Archer Inquiry too. My attention was brought to the Hepatitis C virus (HCV) from two directions - from my interest in drugs misuse (I have just retired from the Chairmanship of the All-Party Parliamentary Drugs Misuse Group) and from knowing my constituent **GRO-A** a haemophiliac who almost died through contracting HCV from blood transfusions. He received a liver transplant just in time a few years ago. His brother **GRO-A** sadly lost his life from contracting both HCV and HIV in the same way.

There was a debate on this subject yesterday, sadly only for 30 min, but I did succeed in intervening on the new Minister to challenge her response to me a few days earlier at Health Questions on the subject of equality between the UK and the Irish Republic. Both her and Minister Warner in the Lords, as you know, have told an untruth about this issue. I will continue to challenge the Government on this and other matters.

Yours sincerely,

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