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Dear *John*

I would like to share with you my concerns that the new ex gratia payment scheme for Haemophiliacs in the UK may not cover some of those most in need.

If the proposals made by Scottish Health Minister Macolm Chisholm are followed nationwide, then payments will be much lower than those proposed by Lord Ross, who chaired the independent expert group in Scotland which advised the Scottish Executive to make payments of £50,000 to those with chronic hepatitis.

I am also concerned that the new scheme will not provide for the dependants of those who have died from hepatitis.

Furthermore, no assurance has been given that the scheme would provide for those who have cleared the virus through treatment, despite the distress and suffering that they have undergone.

I look forward to hearing your comments on this matter.

Yours sincerely

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