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Mr Burnham

I am aware that you have only recently been appointed to your role as Secretary of State for Health, and therefore may not be conversant with what is, and remains to be a very serious failure in the governments of the past 20 plus years, regarding the worst treatment disaster in the history of the NHS.

2000 Haemophiliacs have lost their lives to Hepatitis B, C and HIV and approximately 2,500 victims, myself included are battling with the physical pain of the aforementioned diseases.

There will be a debate this Wednesday requested by Jenny Willott MP in the house, and her remit I am sure will be to ask you and the Government why they have chosen to ignore Lord Archers report, and recommendations. I am sure that you will be as concerned as I am, that for the past five years, the house of lords and more recently, the house of commons have been misled by Lord Warner and newly appointed minister Gilleen Merron MP, in their comments recorded in both of the Hansards, that the comparison in the response to the Eire governments decision to pay a fair and equitable recompense was as a direct result of wrongdoing on the part of the Irish Blood Transfusion Service being found guilty of negligence, and also criminal proceedings! This is totally untrue, and I have the evidence, from the solicitor who dealt with haemophilia litigants as well as the Irish Haemophilia Society who made it very clear, that recompense was paid as a result of moral responsibility, without admission of liability.

I will enclose letters to confirm my statements, but I would really appreciate a minister in the current climes of depleted confidence in the current government, to demonstrate accountability.

Yours Sincerely

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