



HOUSE OF COMMONS
LONDON SW1A 0AA

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October 20th 1987.

Dear Mr. Watters,

Thank you for your letter which I received today.

However I am afraid that I must clarify one point. In my reply to the letter sent to me on October 12th by Mr. Tanner, I said that I "fully appreciate the serious nature" of the points which he put to me and that "I will do what I can to bring these to the attention of my colleagues in the Government, who have special responsibility for health matters."

This I will do, but my letter was intended to show my overall appreciation of the problems of people who have become HIV antibody positive through materials prescribed by the NHS and should not be interpreted as "support for the campaign which we have recently launched." I am sure you will understand that, as a Government Minister, I am precluded by convention from giving specific support to campaigns of this nature - although this does not, of course, preclude me from discussing them with colleagues on a confidential basis.

I hope this is helpful to you in clarifying my personal position in the light of my Ministerial position.

Yours sincerely,

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