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## INFECTED BLOOD INQUIRY

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HOUSE OF COMMONS  
LONDON SW1A 0AA

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Dear Mr GRO-B

Thank you for taking the time to contact me regarding contaminated blood and the terrible impact it has had for many families.

The infection of people with contaminated blood products was a tragedy and I want to extend my deepest sympathies for the personal impact for you.

Since 1988, successive governments have established a number of financial support schemes for people who have been infected with HIV and/or hepatitis C through treatment with NHS supplied blood or blood products, and for their families. In recent years, we have worked to improve the system further, with the aim of targeting greater resources at those in greatest need. I am pleased to hear that you are being supported by the Skipton fund.

I understand the Prime Minister and the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Public Health, Jane Ellison, met with Alistair Burt MP to discuss what more can be done to improve the system and I hope that an acceptable solution is agreed shortly. Unfortunately I will be unlikely to be able to attend the House of Commons debate due to prior Parliamentary commitments but I will certainly bear the points you raise in mind during future discussion with my Parliamentary colleagues.

Thank you again for taking the time to contact me about this important issue and if I can be of any further assistance then please do not hesitate to let me know.

With best wishes

GRO-C

Andrea Leadsom MP.

*I have been closely involved with this issue on behalf of other affected constituents, and will be happy to help you in any way I can.*

GRO-C:

*Member of Parliament for South Northamptonshire*