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Mrs M Murphy

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Dear Mrs Murphy

I am writing to you to seek your help in putting pressure on the Government to provide financial assistance to those people with haemophilia who were infected with Hepatitis C through the use of contaminated blood products.

We have been talking to a number of MPs who were involved in the HIV campaign and who are supportive of our cause. One of the ideas they have suggested is that we get a clear statement from the Macfarlane Trust that they cannot provide financial help to someone with haemophilia who has hepatitis C through contaminated blood products but who is HIV negative. One of the MPs will then take this to the NHS Ombudsman and argue that this is unfair treatment.

Would you be prepared to write to the Macfarlane Trust requesting financial help in relation to your late husband? If you are prepared to do this, I will contact the Macfarlane Trust and ask them to reply as quickly as possible so we can take it up with the Ombudsman.

Please give me a ring so we can discuss this in more detail. We would very much appreciate your help as this may help put a little pressure on the Government, but I will fully understand if you do not feel able to do this.

With best wishes

Yours sincerely

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