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Dear Mrs. Murphy,

I have now obtained a copy of the letter dated 29th April 1998, which was sent to the Secretary of State for Health, by a cross party group of MPs, seeking a meeting with him to discuss areas of concern for people with Haemophilia infected with Hepatitis C through NHS treatment. I enclose a copy for your information. Unfortunately, the Secretary of State's reply is still awaited.

Yours sincerely,

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*For the attention  
of Eddie O'Hara*

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29th April 1998

Rt. Hon. Frank Dobson MP,  
Secretary of State,  
Department of Health,  
Richmond House,  
79 Whitehall,  
London, SW1A 2NS.

I write on behalf of a cross-party group of MP's, who have recently come together in response to the concerns of people with Haemophilia infected with Hepatitis C. We understand that you met with representatives of the Haemophilia Society last autumn to discuss the issues, but have yet to respond formally to their request for financial assistance for those infected with the Hepatitis C virus through their NHS treatment prior to 1986.

Clearly, we appreciate that the issues are complex as you have indicated. However, we are deeply concerned at the plight of this group, who are now experiencing severe health problems, which are taking a heavy toll on their family life, education and employment prospects, with many experiencing considerable hardship. This group includes many whose Haemophilia is mild, and were it not for their Hepatitis C might be expected to lead full and active lives. Among them are young people whose future is now blighted through this life threatening virus.

We would be glad of the opportunity to meet with you, as a cross-party group, to discuss this matter, and explore possible options for providing some help for these individuals.

