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The Right Honourable John Wilkinson
(Ruislip & Northwood)
House of Commons,
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Dear Mr Wilkinson,

In the wave of concern surrounding the spread of AIDS one group of people has been cruelly overlooked. They are the 1,200 haemophilics in Britain who are HIV antibody positive having received contaminated blood through their NHS medical treatment.

My cousin is one of these unfortunate people and I am writing to you to request your full support for the 'Campaign for Recompense' now being launched by the Haemophilia Society.

Infected haemophilics face a very uncertain future. To name just one of the cards stacked against them they are denied life assurance at normal rates.

The present state benefits are totally inadequate to cope with the added expenditure brought about by HIV infection. Infected haemophilic families do need help. I believe we are still a caring nation and that this government should rise to the occasion and support the Haemophilia Society campaign by providing a fund to cover life assurance for dependants and mortgage protection for the homes of all people with haemophilia who are HIV antibody positive, also a weekly non-means tested benefit to cover the cost of living for people with AIDS related problems.

Your kind support for this campaign would be much appreciated.

Yours truly,

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