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HOUSE OF COMMONS
LONDON SW1A 0AA

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Dear Commitment,
RE: NHS PAY.

Thank you for your recent correspondence in respect of NHS pay.

I believe strongly that the passion, commitment, and specialist knowledge our doctors, nurses and other NHS staff provide is what makes our NHS so special. I recognise that staff morale is vital to maintaining staff commitment to services.

I know that the independent pay review bodies, the NHS Pay Review Body and the Review Body on Doctors' and Dentists' Remuneration, apply their expertise and objectivity in making recommendations to Government.

You may be aware that the NHS is one of few public sector workforces that receive incremental pay. Around half of staff on Agenda for Change (AfC) contracts receive incremental pay of around 3 percent on average. For example, a typical qualified nurse (Band 5) can expect seven years of pay progression averaging around 3.8 percent a year, in addition to annual pay awards. However, I appreciate that this may not reflect your own circumstances.

To help support NHS staff in their duty of care, the Government has committed to increase NHS spending in England by £10 billion in real terms by 2020. By cutting bureaucracy and championing higher standards, Ministers have ensured this money goes on frontline care, not administration.

I am proud the NHS has been rated the best healthcare system in the world; something that is only possible thanks to the dedication and hard work of all NHS staff, supported by a strong economy.

Once again, thank you for having taken the time to contact me and if I can ever be of any further assistance to you then please do not hesitate to contact me again.

with best wishes,

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