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**HOUSE OF COMMONS**  
LONDON SW1A 0AA

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*Dear Constituent,*

**RE: MOTOR NEURONE DISEASE**

Thank you for your recent correspondence in respect of support for people with Motor Neurone Disease (MND). I have read your comments on this issue with interest.

Unfortunately, I am unable to attend the APPG on MND event in Parliament owing to prior commitments. However, please allow me to assure you that research, ensuring early diagnosis, and providing support are the Government's key priorities for helping those living with MND.

In November 2021, the Government committed at least £50 million over a five year period to MND research. Funding is now available through applications to the NIHR and UKRI, subject to peer review and open competition. The NIHR and UKRI are also working to support the MND research community to access funding.

My colleague, the Rt. Hon Steve Barclay MP, the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, recently confirmed that this funding has been ringfenced and work has taken place to support researchers to access funding in a streamlined and coordinated way.

Looking ahead, I know the Department of Health and Social Care and the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy welcome the opportunity to support MND researchers through a network and virtual institute.

The increase in research funding will accelerate progress across the UK to find better treatments for MND, giving people living with the condition the chance of a better quality of life.

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,*  
A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Tom Pursglove'.

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