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Dear David,

Thank you for your letter of 7 December on behalf of the Petitions Committee regarding Petition No P-05-831 concerning unfairness and discrimination in relation to financial support for people affected by infected blood and their families.

My officials are continuing to work with the Wales Infected Blood Support Scheme (WIBSS) to review the current discretionary payments framework, which could include enhanced support for stage one beneficiaries who are experiencing additional complications. We are aiming to reach a position on these issues as quickly as possible, but while this work is in progress it is not yet possible to offer you a clear answer on this.

We will keep the Petitions Committee and all scheme beneficiaries informed of any changes to the WIBSS arising from this review.

I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

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