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Dear Baroness Cumberlege,

I write to you in my capacity as the Shadow Minister for Public Health about the Medicines and Medical Devices Safety Review.

As you may know, the issues that you will be investigating within this review fall under my brief and I have met with campaigners, victims and their families of Primodos, Valporate and Vaginal Mesh over the years both inside and outside of my role as Shadow Minister and I therefore have a strong understanding of the issues that they face, and wish to raise some concerns with you.

Whilst I understand the vast amount of planning that will have to be considered before this review can take place, I have received some queries from victims and campaigners about when they might be expected to be contacted by you ahead of the review commencing, and thereafter what part they will play in the remainder of the review?

I am sure that you will be aware that campaigners, victims and their families have been fighting for justice for many years, and have been let down time and time again by reviews who have excluded them or not listened to their concerns. I trust that your review will not be a repeat of this disappointment and that you will work with campaigners, victims and their families throughout the review.

I would therefore appreciate any indication you can give as to when victims and campaigners will be contacted and when the review will commence. I know that campaigners, victims and their families of Primodos, Valproate and Vaginal Mesh will find this information most helpful.

I would welcome the opportunity to meet you to discuss this matter, if your diary allows please contact Jean in my office at BROWNJEA@parliament.uk or 0191 417 2000.

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours sincerely,

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