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Cc: Andrew Smith MP, Nicola Blackwood MP

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Dear Tim,



Thank you very much for meeting with us last week.



I would like to repeat what I said about you seeming like a good and honest person.

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But a few of us were confused by your comments about the Mazars report.



As we didn't have time to talk about this in the meeting, I thought I would write to you to find out more about what you think.



You suggested that the Mazars report was not very important, or not true.



We think it is a very important report.



Our members are very worried about people with learning disabilities dying, and their deaths not being properly looked into.

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We know from Connor's case that the truth is not always told, so investigations need to happen.



Our members are scared because people with learning disabilities do not get the same standard of healthcare as everybody else.



The Mazars report told us that if we die, our deaths will not be taken seriously.



We have based a lot of our health campaigning on the findings of the Mazars report.



Your comment about the Mazars report makes us think that you don't take the healthcare (or deaths) of people with learning disabilities very seriously. This makes us sad and angry.



If you think the report is not very good, we would like to know why and know what evidence you have for your view.

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I am looking forward to your reply – it would be good to have a conversation about this so we can understand more.



We have also sent this letter to our 2 local MPs, Andrew Smith and Nicola Blackwood, and asked them to follow up the issue.



As we said last week, we look forward to having another meeting with you.

Kind Regards,



Shaun Picken  
My Life My Choice Trustee

(Supported by Kate Evans, Campaigns Coordinator)