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To: _____ MP, House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA

27 January 2016

Dear _____,

Access to Medical Treatments (Innovation) Bill

We are writing to you ahead of the Access to Medical Treatments (Innovation) Bill (AMTIB) Report Stage on 29 January. Our purpose is to ask that you support any Amendment that removes the clinical negligence clauses – the controversial Clauses 3 and 4.

As organisations that represent patients, researchers, doctors, their representatives and medico-legal experts, we are greatly reassured that the removal of Clauses 3 and 4 will mean that the robust legal and ethical frameworks that inform clinical responsibility and patient safety are not prejudiced or undermined. We are glad that both Government and Parliamentarians have accepted our reservations in relation to allowing doctors to “depart from the existing range of accepted medical treatments as long as they obtained the view of another doctor” because of the risks to patient safety that this would impose.

Whilst our organisations are potentially willing to take part in discussions around the proposed Database of Innovative Treatments, we are yet to receive a coherent explanation of the ultimate purpose of the Database and remain unconvinced that legislation is needed to establish this. As such we therefore ask you to attend Friday’s report stage debate and call on the Bill’s sponsor and Government to provide this level of detail in order for our organisations to be assured that any database is based on robust justification and has the highest standards of quality assurance in place. Without such assurance, we simply cannot support this Bill.

Yours sincerely,

Katherine Murphy, Chief Executive, Patients Association



Professor Dame Sue Bailey, Chair, Academy of Medical Royal Colleges



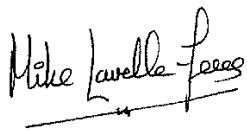
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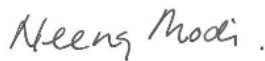
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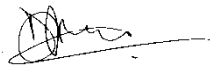
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