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Mme. Monique Begin
Minister of Health & Welfare
House of Commons
Parliament Building
Ottawa, Ontario
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Dear Mme. Begin:

I am writing this letter in support of a scientific clinical trial of the cancer treatment with the compound known as "Essiac"

At the present time, at the Hospital for Sick Children, there are some 10 patients with surgically treated tumors of the central nervous system who have escaped from conventional methods of therapy including both radiation and chemotherapy.

The patients who were started on Essiac have at the present time a limited followup period to reach definite conclusions. However, in 8 of the 10 patients, there has been significant improvement in their neurological state. For further confirmation of the effectiveness of this treatment we'll wait on CAT scans and subsequent investigation.

I am however most impressed with the effectiveness of the treatment and its lack of side effects.

I feel that this method of treatment should be given serious consideration and would benefit from a scientific clinical trial.

Yours sincerely,

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