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Mr D Horsley, Coroner  
Room T20  
The Guildhall  
The Guildhall Square  
Portsmouth  
PO1 2AJ

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Date: 17<sup>th</sup> September 2010

Dear Sir

I am writing with regards to the inquest into the death of Gladys Richards, as the Member of Parliament representing Gillian MacKenzie, Mrs Richards' daughter.

I would like to make it clear that I support the position of Mrs MacKenzie and her lawyers, Blake Laphorn.

I understand that Mrs MacKenzie does not accept the CPS's decision that the matters which arose from the evidence presented in the inquest and the GMC proceedings against Dr Laura Barton do not alter their assertion that there is no realistic prospect of conviction for the offence of gross negligence manslaughter. Mrs MacKenzie is firmly of the view that her mother was unlawfully killed.

I also understand that Mrs MacKenzie's lawyers, Blake Laphorn, have written to you, outlining some of the more technical arguments in Mrs MacKenzie's favour. What I would ask is that you consider seriously that the Coroner's Enquiry is able to have a wide enough scope to fully investigate Mrs MacKenzie's concerns, and that exceptional funding be granted to Mrs MacKenzie in order that she is able to be adequately represented in what is an extremely complex medical case.

I would be very grateful for your comments.

With best wishes,

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Stephen Lloyd MP  
Eastbourne and Willingdon Constituency.