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Dear Mr. Greenhalgh,

Thank you for your letter and material sent October 26, 2000.

I apologize for the delay in response.

I am returning your materials at your suggestion. While I find your information interesting, I do not see how it may help our Society.

We have many issues with both the federal and provincial governments in terms of prevention, care and treatment support and public awareness for all people living with, affected by and at risk of hepatitis C. The compensation issue has never been a legal one for us but has been a social justice issue. We will continue to work towards achievement of Justice Krever's number one recommendation, which is that all people who received tainted blood should be granted compassionate and humane compensation.

Slowly we have made significant steps towards this. All people infected between 1986 and 1990 have a federal-provincial plan in place, although there are many inadequacies in the administration and structure. All people left out of this plan in Ontario, Quebec and now Manitoba, have been directly compensated by those governments. We will continue to advocate with governments directly but not by legal means any more, to achieve our goal and Justice Krever's goal. We do not trust lawyers because they have profited the most and earliest from this tragedy, not the victims.

I wish you all the best in your work.

Sincerely,

Timothy J. McClemon
Executive Director