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Dear

You have likely heard about the Lobular Moon Shot Project. A project launched in 2023, to get lobular breast cancer the urgent research it needs. The project objective is to get the renowned Institute of Cancer Research (ICR) in London, the funding for a UK£20 million - 5-year research project to carry out the necessary research to fully understand the biology of the disease which can lead to the development of a ‘specific treatment’ for invasive lobular breast cancer. Something which currently does not exist.

As your constituent, I wish to request that you please carry out one specific action as set at the base of this letter.

I support the Lobular Moon Shot Project and I was diagnosed with invasive lobular breast cancer (ILC) in xxxx. (write 2 -3 sentences about your history) – [*Adapt as required for your circumstances (i.e.: could be just concerned for you & daughters, but not diagnosed yourself….*]

Victoria Atkins, the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, recently stated in a speech1 and also in the Daily Telegraph2, about the 2024 UK Women’s Health Strategy: *“Thanks to their [lobular moonshot project team] campaigning, and the support of their MPs Jeremy Quin and Dehenna Davison, we will encourage more research into lobular breast cancer and other under-researched women’s health issues.”* This was a significant positive step forward which I wanted to bring to your attention and to ask for your help.

I would be very grateful if you would please pledge your support to the research project Victoria Atkins mentioned. Let me explain.

On 18 October and 13th December 2023, Dehenna Davison MP and Sir Jeremy Quin MP respectively raised the urgent need to address the issue of lobular breast cancer at PMQs3. Lobular breast cancer is the 2nd most common type of breast cancer. A disease that is more common than ovarian, skin kidney, brain, liver or pancreatic cancer and which 1,000 people a day globally (8,500 yearly in the UK) are diagnosed with. A disease that rarely shows on a mammogram and therefore is generally diagnosed at a more advanced stage. A disease which your constituents, when diagnosed, are shocked to discover, that it does not have its own specific treatment, despite being known since the mid 1970’s to act very differently to the main type of breast cancer known as 'ductal'. I and a group of ladies with lobular breast cancer are trying to change this, as at present those diagnosed with lobular breast cancer have poorer long-term outcomes.

The PMQ on Wednesday 13th December 2023 was followed by a ‘Drop In’ event organised by Dehenna Davison MP, where numerous MPs pledged their support to change this by getting the funding for the UK£20 million - 5 year research project, at the Institute of Cancer Research (ICR). This is a project known as the **Lobular Moon Shot Project**. The lead lobular research scientist at ICR said this problem can be resolved, it is simply a question of funding.4

The UK£20 million equates to under £240 for each of the people who will be diagnosed with the disease in the UK in the next 10 years. The research project will show the world that Britain leads the way in scientific research and will enable ICR to fully understand the biology of the disease and will lead to a specific treatment, saving the NHS money and providing better outcomes for those of us diagnosed with the disease.

We are therefore extremely pleased that the Secretary of State for Health, Victoria Atkins, has advised that the government will encourage further research into this under-researched area of women’s health and breast cancer.

**I am writing to see if you could please join the growing list MPs who support the Lobular Moon Shot Project from all political parties. You can see the list here:**[**https://www.lobularmoonshot.org/supporters**](https://www.lobularmoonshot.org/supporters) **If you are willing to do this, please advise myself as well as the Lobular Moon Shot team at:** **office@lobularmoonshot.org** **. Can you please also advise Dehenna Davison MP & Sir Jeremy Quin MP of your support.**

I would be very grateful for your support. This initiative will clearly help your constituents, their families and society.

Yours Sincerely,

**Footnotes:**

1. Atkins V (2024).https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/womens-health-strategy-priorities-secretary-of-state-speech
2. The Daily telegraph- 17.1.24: <https://digitaleditions.telegraph.co.uk/data/1583/reader/reader.html?fbclid=IwAR3PDPi8wAfo3NxvvLftB7ze8_EclMY0Sk6PEHnhf56ASdk-9e3H33iCuVY#!preferred/0/package/1583/pub/1583/page/7/article/NaN>
3. https://www.lobularmoonshot.org/media
4. Professor Chris Lord in documentary ‘My journey with lobular’ (https://www.lobularmoonshot.org/films) "*When the scientific community needed it to move extremely fast with the development of Covid vaccines, in the clinical trials, we moved incredibly fast. We need to have that similar kind of approach in terms of philosophy around lobular breast cancer”* and *"All of those things are achievable, they're just a matter of getting the money and doing the work. I'm quietly confident that we can get there, but I know what those barriers are in place. This is not an insignificant challenge, but it is fundamentally a financial challenge.”*