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Parliamentary Secretary to the  
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Dear Minister

As a long time victim of chemical exposure, approximately 30 years, I hope you may be interested in the following -

Firstly, I am not seeking + have never sought compensation for my wrecked lifestyle. What I, + I imagine most of my fellow sufferers really desire most is acknowledgement, acceptance + respect of our condition; certainly not to be further insulted by inferences of psychological illness. However, I do agree depression would have to be expected due to the constant struggle our lives have become, due mostly to ignorance of MCS on a large scale.

It must be close to 20 years since I have been able to dine out, attend the theatre, cinema, gallery etc - even a church service - in fact, I am indoors activity.

My greatest concern is the lack of available health service in the case of emergency as I cannot even visit our local hospital because of the heavy use of chemicals which seems to be ever increasing. I would strongly suggest all medical providers - including ambulance officers be educated & urged not to wear offending toiletries whilst on duty.

I do agree with the list of symptoms experienced by the few tested victims, especially the chronic rhinitis which I suffered for many years with a diagnosis of hayfever. I also feel my body could have been susceptible to this condition as I had a severe dose of diphtheria as a young child which I believe can affect the Central Nervous System.

I would be more than willing to undergo any diagnostic tests available

do fully determine my condition

Thank you for undertaking this  
review.

Yours sincerely

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