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Dear

I am extremely concerned about the NHS 'reforms' proposed in the Health and Social Care Bill.

I believe the planned 'reforms' will seriously destabilise the NHS and undermine its core principles.

The cost of reforms could be as much as £3 billion. The NHS is already struggling under the strain of £20 billion of 'efficiency savings'; staff are losing their jobs and frontline services are being reduced. [Add personal example]

With the creation of around 300 GP consortia all free to set their own priorities it will not be long before differences in health-care provision between areas emerge. Drugs and treatments available to the patients of one GP will be denied to those of another. Patients could be forced to change their GP or relocate to get the care they need.

The financial success of each consortia will affect the level of service their patients receive. There is the prospect of GP surgeries running out of money and telling patients they have to wait until the next financial year before they can be treated.

There is a real danger of a two-tier service developing as hospitals will be free to treat private, paying customers first. Providers will compete for contracts in more affluent areas, while poorer communities could struggle to sustain a comprehensive range of healthcare of the same standard.

GP consortia seem to be accountable to no-one. Nationally, the NHS Commissioning Board will make decisions, but locally, the decision-making power about what services will be available rests with the GP consortia.

These controversial 'reforms' were not in the Conservative or Lib Dem Manifestos – they have come out of nowhere. I believe this bill should be scrapped completely and I urge you to vote against it.

Please let me know that you are opposing the Health and Social Bill and if not, why not.

Yours faithfully

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