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Dear Friends,

As I will be stepping down as an MSP at this year's Scottish Parliament elections I am writing to congratulate everybody involved in the campaign for the rights of mesh survivors. The campaign you have run over the past decade has been brilliant and already achieved a great deal which would not have happened without your determination and tenacity.

However, we still have more to do to ensure that the women who are still suffering from their dreadful experience as a result of a botched mesh operation get justice.

I am totally supportive of the Mesh Charter. The time is long overdue for all women who need their mesh removed to have it done and for such removals to be paid for by the National Health Service. All these women are also entitled to have the removal done by an appropriately qualified surgeon of their choice, irrespective of the surgeon's location.

Also those women who were the victims of a botched mesh procedure by the NHS and who had to pay for a removal procedure outwith the NHS should get their money back, along with a sincere apology.

Furthermore, we need to put in a place a guarantee that never again will any woman have to go through the dreadful experience that the mesh survivors have had to endure. This is not just about policy decisions, it is about a moral obligation by government.

Although I will no longer be an MSP after 5<sup>th</sup> May, I will continue to support the campaign for justice for all mesh survivors.

Yours sincerely,

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