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Dear Lord Patel,

**FUTURE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE GENETICS AND INSURANCE
COMMITTEE (GAIC)**

I am writing to inform you, as Chair of the Lords Inquiry into Genomic Medicine, that, after careful consideration, I have taken the decision that the Genetics and Insurance Committee (GAIC) should be disbanded once we have agreed alternative arrangements to cover its remaining remit.

The debate on genetics and insurance has moved forward significantly since GAIC's establishment in 1999. There is now a more sophisticated understanding of the significance of predictive genetic test results for insurance purposes and the Concordat and Moratorium on Genetics and Insurance has proven more successful than we ever hoped.

The Government and ABI have agreed to extend the moratorium until 2014 and the ABI have recently reaffirmed that it has no plans to submit further applications in the foreseeable future. As a result, I feel that this would be a timely moment in which to reassess how we address genetics and insurance issues in the future.

The Chair of GAIC, who has already met with my officials to discuss this matter, has helpfully undertaken to work with them to resolve any outstanding business and to put in place alternative arrangements.

I will ensure that you are kept informed of progress as this work is taken forward.

*Yours sincerely,
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