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Dear Mr Dillon

I am writing to express my concerns over your recent proposal to severely limit the use of drugs to treat wet age-related macular degeneration. I understand that the draft Guidance would mean up to 20,000 a year losing their sight unnecessarily.

I, myself have dry age-related macular degenerated, so am not affected by the proposal but I find it appalling that you would propose that people have to go blind in one eye before treatment can be started in the second eye.

I urge you to approve both Macugen and Lucentis for use on the NHS

Yours sincerely

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