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*Dear Jim*

Thank you for your letter of 10 December about the Autism Bill.

I wrote to the Health Minister in November 2010 supporting his position on this Bill. I share Mr McGimpsey's concerns particularly about the lack of information on costs and the absence of a finance clause taking account of direct and wider impacts on funding.

Given that I do not believe this Bill is needed at present I will not be offering amendments.

This response has been copied to the Health Minister.

Yours sincerely

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