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Dear Will,

As you may be aware, your constituent, Mr Philip George, Chairman of The Rob George Foundation, 4 Henry Villa Close, Colchester wrote to the Chancellor of the Exchequer on 6 January about assistance for students facing life-threatening or terminal illness.

This correspondence has been passed to this Department and I am replying as the Minister for Disabled People, Health and Work. Please accept my apologies for the delay that has occurred.

I would like to thank Mr George for his letter on this important issue and express my full support. I can confirm that the Chancellor has considered the proposed change in policy to address the issue but it was not considered appropriate to make a decision on the proposal at this time and so it was not taken forward in the Spring Budget. Nevertheless, I can assure Mr George that it will be considered again at a future fiscal event.

Kind regards,

Justin Tomlinson MP
Minister for Disabled People, Health and Work