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THE PRIME MINISTER

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Dear Des

Thank you for your letter of 12 September inviting me to the All Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) for Pneumococcal Disease event on 15 October.

I am strongly committed to tackling this global disease and, as you know, the Government has pledged US \$485 million towards the pilot Advance Market Commitment for pneumococcal vaccines. Unfortunately, I am not available to participate at the launch of your report, but Douglas Alexander will contribute to your report's foreword.

Please let me take this opportunity to congratulate you, and all the members of the APPG, for the extremely impressive work you are doing to raise awareness about the impact of pneumococcal disease in developing countries.

Yours sincerely

Andy

Mr Desmond Turner MP