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Dear John

Re: Hepatitis C Testing

Thank you for your colourful letter. Your views are graphically put, as I would have expected.

I too have spent many hours looking at material relating to HIV litigation, but my conclusion is different to the one that you appear to be drawing. The situation now is quite different to that which existed when HIV 1 testing commenced, and I personally believe that to start HCV testing to the original schedule is the correct decision, even if it appears unpalatable to some.

To suggest that my action was in your words "mischievous", is to impart motives to this action which were not mine. If you wish to question motives, then perhaps you should be asking why a vague September start date has replaced with little explanation, a firm date in July.

Yours sincerely

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