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Hon.
Minister of Health
Parliament Buildings
Private Bag
Wellington.

22nd February, 1989.

Dear Minister,

We wish to congratulate you on your recent appointment as Minister of Health and your promotion to the front benches of Parliament.

Our Society was considerably heartened by your appointment because of the commitment you have expressed in the past to women's issues and in particular the encouragement and support that you have expressed for home birth in New Zealand.

We enclose for your information copy of a submission presented to Mr. Dunne, the former Under-Secretary of Health last year. We also enclose copy of his response to us.

Attached are our comments on the latter which we would like you to consider as a matter of some urgency.

We also request an opportunity to meet with you and make personal representations on behalf of our groups. We would prefer that this take place in your own electorate in Auckland though we would be happy to meet you in Wellington if this was more convenient for you. Given that as far as we know, the next year's budget for health spending is usually finalised at about this time, we would like to meet with you as soon as possible.

If you need any further information from us please get in touch with

We look forward to your response.

Yours faithfully