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Mr. Chris Brown
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Dear Mr. Brown:

I am in receipt of your letter of 15th October respecting compensation for people with environmental sensitivity. As a fellow sufferer I am interested in this condition myself, but the reality is that I am not helped by medical treatment and must rely on avoiding unnecessary exposures to substances which may potentially trigger attacks.

One major class of ES-related illnesses about which most is known are the allergies but even here there is a great deal to be learned. (A useful publication, one of a series, is attached.) In other less well defined conditions there is a lack of understanding of the underlying pathogenesis, a high degree of subjective symptomatology and a lack of reliable diagnostic tests which have retarded knowledge of the underlying complaints making it difficult for the medical profession and health authorities to come to grips with the problem.

The medical care, social and compensation aspects which you refer to in your letter fall primarily under the aegis of the Ontario Health Department and I believe it would be worth your while corresponding with them directly.

Yours sincerely,

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