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The Rt Hon Wes Streeting MP  
Secretary of State for Health and Social Care  
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Dear Secretary of State,

I am writing on behalf of a constituent who recently contacted me regarding the proposed closure of Healthwatch, and the move of its functions into your department.

My constituent was a trustee of Healthwatch in North Yorkshire upon its foundation, and she is concerned that moving the functions of Healthwatch into the Department of Health and Social Care will hurt the representation of members of the public by removing their independent feedback organisation that is Healthwatch.

I am therefore writing, on behalf of my constituent, to ask what plans you have to provide a truly independent body to hold the NHS to account on behalf of the public in local areas.

I look forward to your considered response.

Yours sincerely,

**Tom Gordon MP**  
Member of Parliament for Harrogate and Knaresborough