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| Criminal Cases Review Commission  5 St Philip's Place  Birmingham  B3 2PW |  |
| 24 January 2018 |

Dear Sir / Madam,

**RE: Mark Russell, 94 Woodlands Road, Ansdell, Lancashire FY8 1DA and case: Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC) – v – Russell**

I am writing in full support of my constituent regarding his appeal to overturn his conviction in the above case.

I have written on several occasions to the Government, and to the HCPC, in regards this matter, and I am more than happy to provide the CCRC with any relevant documentation as part of Mr Russell’s appeal process.

I have included my constituent’s letter herein for your convenience, which explains the issue in full, as I am sure you are already aware.

I will not go through the minutiae of the case once more in my letter, as Mr Russell states he has already sent you correspondence on the matter.

However, I do wish to express my support for Mr Russell. Not only do I believe his stance has been proper and correct throughout this case, which he started as a test case to highlight a serious deficiency in safeguarding, I have also great reason to question the HCPC.

The organization has refused to respond to Mr Russell, and also refuses to answer very basic questions which would resolve the matter, to me as an MP. That does not appear to be the behaviour of an organization which can defend its actions honestly.

I would be very appreciative if you could look into Mr Russell’s concerns, and his case. Should you require any supporting documentation from me or my office, I will be more than happy to supply it.

Many thanks in advance for your assistance in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

**Mark Menzies MP**