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Tuesday 1st September 2026

The Lobular Moon Shot Project – a joint cross-party request

Dear Prime Minister,

We write together, across political parties, to ask your Government to fund the proposed £20 million, five-year Lobular Moon Shot Project research programme, subject to appropriate scientific proposals, independent peer review and governance.

Many of us, or representatives of our parties, have previously written individually to Government in support of this research.

Today, we are writing together.

Invasive lobular breast cancer is the second most common form of breast cancer, with around 22 women diagnosed every day in the UK. Yet there remains no treatment specifically designed for its distinct biology.

The Lobular Moon Shot Project was co-founded by the late Dr Susan Michaelis BCA(hon), who you previously met on a zoom call. Susan campaigned for this research while living with terminal stage-four invasive lobular breast cancer. She knew that any advances would likely come too late to help her. She fought for the many women who would come after her.

Her campaign has since secured the support of 466 MPs from across the political spectrum. We believe the time has come to turn that extraordinary political consensus into action.

There is clear precedent for Government supporting dedicated, important research missions where greater focus is needed, including the Dame Tessa Jowell Brain Cancer Research Mission, dedicated MND research funding, and the Dame Barbara Windsor Dementia Mission. At £20 million over five years, the Lobular Moon Shot Project would be a relatively modest investment with the potential to improve diagnosis, treatment, and outcomes for thousands of women. It would also send a powerful signal of the UK's ambition to lead the world in life sciences and medical research.

The remaining question is not whether this research commands political support. It plainly does.

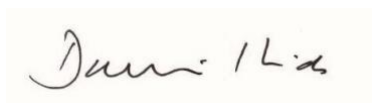
We want to make our collective position clear: if your Government enables this programme to proceed, it will have our united support.

There should be no question of which party receives the credit. The credit belongs to the researchers, patients, families and campaigners who have brought us to this point - and to Susan, who fought for research she knew would not save her own life. Cancer is not party-political. Neither is the research needed to defeat it.

We therefore respectfully ask you to make the Lobular Moon Shot Project a Government priority and establish the funding route necessary for the £20 million, five-year programme to proceed.

If you do so, you will have our support.

Yours sincerely,



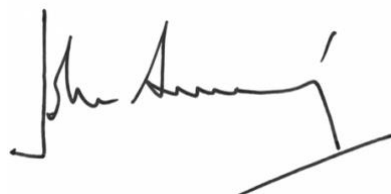
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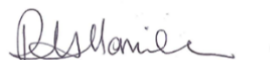
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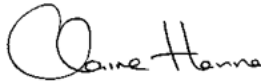
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