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The Prime Minister
10 Downing Street
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Dear Mrs Thatcher,

Our Association has read, with concern, press reports that, once again, the awards of the Review Bodies, including our own, will once again be phased over the year.

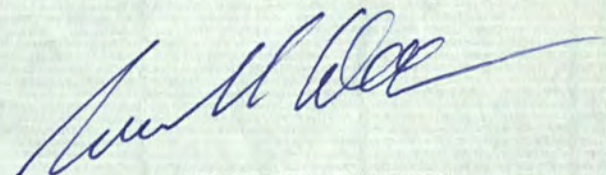
We appreciate that these are only reports and that Cabinet has yet to take a decision; but, if this proves to be the case, it will be the sixth year in succession where dentists have suffered in this way.

As dentists, we are doubly vulnerable. Unlike other workers covered by Review Bodies, we are not on a salary, so a staged award lowers our average fee for the year. It is from this lower base that the next year's award is made. This is in addition to a cumulative figure of over 10% as a direct result of Government intervention.

If professions are to retain any confidence in the Review Body system it must retain some independence, a quality singularly lacking of late.

We ask you this year to honour in full the award by the Doctors' & Dentists' Review Body.

Yours sincerely



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