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Dear Mr Witcomb

I am a Consultant [X] with a special interest in [X]. I have held a private practice for [X] years at the Wellington Hospital, flagship of HCA International in London. I also hold practising rights in a number of other private hospitals.

Over the period of time I have been associated with the Wellington Hospital, I have been truly impressed by the way in which HCA invests a lot of time, energy and effort in supporting innovation and investing in the latest equipment. HCA was fully supportive when I wanted to set up a dedicated [X] unit at The Wellington, and was prepared to equip it with state-of-the-art equipment and facilities for my needs. In fact, we were one of the first private hospitals in the UK to offer [X].

I know that if I send my patients to an HCA hospital, they will receive a fantastic service – either in the spectacular outpatient setting of the Platinum Medical Centre at The Wellington or in our dedicated [X] unit. In addition, it is my opinion that the standard of nursing care at HCA is one of the best in London. I do not state this lightly, having worked at many other private and NHS hospitals in the capital.

In my experience, the quality of care and degree of innovation at HCA hospitals is unparalleled within central London. I would have great concerns should any of its hospitals be taken over by another operator, fearing that the standard of care would measurably fall.