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Dear Mr Witcomb

I am writing this letter in response to the Competition Commission Report issued recently into the Private Healthcare Market.

I am a Consultant Medical Oncologist and have private practices at the London Bridge Hospital and [X]. In addition I also have practising privileges at the [X]

I have worked with HCA in oncology for the last [X] and state that the focus of their strategy has always been in providing the utmost quality of care for patients with complex medical needs. As an oncologist patients with cancers are at the very heart of my practice. HCA has continued to invest in both the very highest quality of staff and facilities to deliver what I consider to be the very best cancer care available in London.

To divest HCA of London Bridge Hospital would run the risk of significantly reducing the quality of care offered to patients.

I do not understand the rationale behind the decision and my colleagues and myself are very much against this.