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Dear Deputy Ryan

Consultation on GST

I write to express the concerns by the Board at Headway Jersey and the Scott Gibaut Homes Trust. Whilst we fully appreciate the need to keep GST systems simple and therefore have as few exemptions as possible we would ask that you consider that charities should be exempt from either charging or paying GST.

In the case of Headway we need to raise £140,000 a year to meet the rent, heating, lighting and wages necessary to run this service for people suffering from brain injury. Clearly a 3% increase is going to put even greater demands upon much of that that we already do. The States fund us a tune of about £11,000 but all the rest has to be raised by our shop and by jumble sales and other fundraising efforts and to have to increase our activities as other charities will have to do, will place an unnecessary burden upon us.

In the case of Scott Gibaut Homes we have an envisaged project cost of 1.2 million pounds all of which we have to raise or borrow, none coming from the public purse. The aim of this project is to provide seven units of accommodation for persons suffering with brain injury or cerebral palsy. A 3% increase on building costs materials and fees would be catastrophic, we are struggling now to raise the money that we need.

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Furthermore, I would like you to consider many of our members who fall between much of the benefits that are available and are struggling to make ends meet at the present time and whilst I understand the wish to have inclusion within the taxation system, but I would ask that essential items such as doctors dentist and prescriptions be made exempt. Many of our members struggle to survive financially now and often we have to step in and help with doctors and dentist bills and again that would be an extra burden on us as well as a further loss of independence to those in real need.

I would be happy to meet with you and discuss these points with you should you require.

Yours sincerely



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