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I refer to the recent announcement that car parking charges at Ninewells hospital will increase from next month, following an annual review of parking charges.

As you will be aware, the Scottish Government abolished car parking charges at all publicly owned NHS hospital car parks from 31 December 2008. Hospital car parking charges put an unnecessary financial burden on those attending hospital for treatment, their families and hospital staff.

Increases of any size add to this burden and I therefore urge you to reconsider the decision to increase car parking charges at Ninewells Hospital and to commit to freezing parking charges at existing levels, as set in November 2017.

I look forward to your response.

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