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Dear Mr McClue,

I am writing to express the strong support for UCL's application to create a neuroscience research facility and clinic at 256 Gray's Inn Road.

Epilepsy is the most common serious condition affecting the brain, and afflicts 70 million people around the globe, 500,000 of these being in the UK. The Epilepsy Society is the leading UK epilepsy charity, providing advocacy, care and support for those with epilepsy and carrying out a programme of research to improve diagnosis and treatment.

This new building will have laboratories that will be used to create novel therapies for epilepsy, that will be life-changing for many of those for whom currently available medications are not effective or have severe side-effects. The clinics in the same building will be used to identify suitable patients for novel treatments and to monitor their progress.

It is no exaggeration to say that this new facility is of national and international importance in our fight against serious diseases that, at present, we can only palliate.

Yours sincerely

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