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Thank you for sending me your current proposals and draft legislation for establishing a Commissioner for Older People. I discussed this document with other members at Bayview Resource Centre. The overall response was, that once again we received pages and pages to read. At the end, none of us felt able or indeed interested enough to try to read about 200 pages of guff. Most people read the first few pages, and glanced through the rest.

We do understand that it has taken many months of work, and has cost a considerable amount to produce this document, print it, and post it to numerous people. We wondered who would read it? We felt that doctors, social workers, carers, ministers, or their advisers would not attempt to work their way through nearly two hundred pages. Even students were very unlikely to read this, because at the end of it all, what would they have learned? Would this commissioner, who will no doubt be receiving very generous wages, provide a better service for the older person?

So I am sorry to respond in such a negative way. I hope that you will feel able to see things from our point of view. We need a few pages of information, that is telling us what you want us to know, in the hope that you get the response you desire.

Many thanks, [REDACTED]
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