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Dear Mr Biggs,

You have applied for early release on compassionate grounds, pursuant to Section 36 of the Criminal Justice Act 1991.

The Secretary of State has considered your application including the reports submitted by the Offender Supervisor and the Governor of HMP Norwich as well as up to date medical reports on your deteriorating health. On the basis of these reports, and after careful consideration of all the circumstances the Secretary of State has decided to grant you release on compassionate grounds.

You will be released on the attached licence as soon as all the arrangements for your release are in place.

*Approved by the Justice Secretary,  
and signed in his absence*

**Rebecca Ellis**

Deputy Principal Private Secretary to the Lord Chancellor and  
Secretary of State for Justice