

## **Writing a Letter to Your Elected Official**

Points that may help you write a letter to your Health Minister and local elected official (MLA, MPP, MNA):

Information you could include about the issue of access to Orkambi for Canadians with cystic fibrosis:

- Orkambi significantly improves lung function, reduces the number of lung flare-ups, and improves the nutritional status of people who have two copies of the most common mutation of cystic fibrosis. We've waited far too long for the government to make the right decision.
- Some people with CF taking Orkambi have experienced huge improvements in their lives.
- We are fighting for people with CF to be able to access the medication they need.
- Orkambi has been approved by Health Canada for over two years, but the government still hasn't made the decision to fund this medication and make it accessible for people who need it most. Cystic fibrosis is a progressive, fatal disease. People with CF don't have time to wait for government deliberations.
- Doctors are prescribing this drug, but many people with CF cannot access it because it's not publicly funded. If this drug didn't work in some people, CF doctors would not continue to prescribe it to those who have private coverage or compassionate care from the manufacturer.
- Two years is too long for people with cystic fibrosis to have to wait for the government's decision. It's taken long enough, it's time for the government to make the right decision and make this life-saving drug publicly accessible.
- People with cystic fibrosis need and deserve this medication now. The government needs to make the right decision, before it's too late.
- Write to your Minister of Health and your elected member of your provincial legislature to tell them to grant access to Orkambi now.