

<SALUTATION> <NAME OF ELECTED OFFICIAL>  
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<DATE>

Dear <SALUTATION> <LAST NAME>:

My name is <FIRST NAME> <LAST NAME> and I <MY SPOUSE, MY CHILD, MY FAMILY MEMBER, MY FRIEND> live with cystic fibrosis (CF). I <I MY SPOUSE, MY CHILD, MY FAMILY MEMBER, MY FRIEND> need your help to get a medicine that could change my <HIS/HER/THEIR> life.

Approximately one in every 3,600 children born in Canada has cystic fibrosis. More than 4,300 children, adolescents, and adults live with cystic fibrosis. Now, because of our ability to manage care through specialized multidisciplinary clinics and the availability of therapies to treat CF's symptoms, the median age of survival of a child born in 2018 is 52.1 years; people diagnosed with CF in Canada have a 50% chance of living beyond that age. Still, too many Canadians with CF die young: half of the people with cystic fibrosis who died in 2018 were under the age of 33.

Trikafta is a new life-changing drug for most people with cystic fibrosis. Access to the drug has been delayed and is at risk of not coming to Canada at all. When asked why the drug has not been introduced in Canada, the manufacturer, Vertex Pharmaceuticals, raised concerns about changes to the Patented Medicines Prices Review Board (PMPRB) regulations Canada is poised to adopt, which will drive prices on new medicines down by 45-75%.

Trikafta was fast tracked for approval in the United States and in the UK – and is on track for approval in Europe. It is currently available in the US. Ireland and Switzerland have agreed to cover it after health technology assessment approval. Trikafta represents the single biggest advancement in treating cystic fibrosis in the history of the disease. It represents the single biggest advancement in treating cystic fibrosis in the history of the disease (identified as a disease in 1938) and has been proven to significantly improve health outcomes for 90% of CF patients. The Washington Post named it number one among nineteen good things that happened in 2019.

But Canadians don't have access to it. And people are dying while waiting. This is why we need your help to stop the PMPRB changes and to get Trikafta to Canadians who need it now.

I <WE> would like to meet with you to talk about how you can help. I will follow up with your office next week to arrange a meeting to discuss this matter and look forward to meeting with you in the very near future.

Sincerely,

<SIGNATURE>

cc: Prime Minister Justin Trudeau  
Minister of Health, Patti Hadju

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