

Subject: Request for Meeting: (Family Name) – (City) (Constituent)

Dear (Constituent's Name),

My name is (Personal Name) and I am a resident of your constituency of (Your city). This is my first time writing to you or to any elected official. (Introduction)

(Tell your personal story) I volunteer on the board of Canadian PKU and Allied Disorders (CanPKU+) which is a non-profit association of volunteers with a mission to improve the lives of those living with rare, inherited metabolic disorders. As an engaged member of the community and a mother to a ten-year-old little boy named Masen with a rare metabolic disorder called Homocystinuria (“HCU”), I am reaching out to express my interest in discussing the need for BC to improve its public drug coverage. Patients in BC do not have public drug coverage for the medications that they need, and BC covers fewer new drugs than other provinces and is often the last to provide access to the drugs that they do cover.

BC also lags behind other large provinces in covering medical foods, medical formulas and medical supplements, which in the case of inherited metabolic disorders are often the first-line or only form of medically necessary treatment.

Your dedication to public service is commendable, and I would greatly appreciate the opportunity to meet with you to discuss the matters noted above.

To facilitate the coordination of a meeting, I would like to propose the following dates and times for your consideration:

[Proposed Date and Time]

[Alternative Date and Time]

[Another Alternative Date and Time]

Additionally, please let me know if there is a preferred method of communication or if there are specific procedures for scheduling meetings with your office.

The topics I would like to discuss include:

The need for quicker access to drugs and treatments that become available in Canada once approved by Health Canada as regulator;

The life changing and lifesaving effects that faster and more complete access can and will have for patients, including those like Masen who have HCU and other metabolic

disorders that predominantly rely upon a very restricted and difficult to maintain medical diet under specialized medical supervision to try to stay healthy and develop to his full potential; and the long-term effects to both the patients and to the medical system that arise from these long waits.

I believe that our conversation could provide valuable insights and perspectives as I can share with you in more detail what it has been like for my son and our family to navigate life with HCU. Masen's HCU was unfortunately missed during the newborn screening process, and we were only alerted to this very serious and life-threatening condition that he has had from birth when Masen was eight years old.

I understand that your schedule is busy, and I am grateful for any time you can allocate to meet with me. Thank you for your dedication to serving our community, and I look forward to discussing these matters further with you.

Kind regards,

(Your Name)

Email:

Telephone: