**[INSERT RESPECTIVE TO/FROM ADDRESS DETAILS (NOTING WE ARE TARGETING THE MP’S ELECTORATE ADDRESS) AND DATE – USE ORGANISATIONAL LETTERHEAD IF ONE EXISTS]**

Dear [insert their title/name]

[Insert your organisation’s name if relevant] would like to request a meeting with you as our local MP to express our concern over New Zealand’s shockingly low ranking among OECD for modern medicine access.

We would appreciate being able to meet as soon as convenient at your electorate office (or via a virtual meeting) and propose that in attendance from our organisation would be [list name/s] as well as local constituent [insert name]. [Insert sentence briefly outlining the rare disorder details of that local constituent].

[A recent report on Global Access to New Medicines](https://www.medicinesnz.co.nz/fileadmin/assets/2023-04-18_Global_Publicly-funded_Access_to_New_Modern_Medicines_Report_FINAL.pdf) found that New Zealand ranks at the very bottom of the OECD for availability of new medicines, behind countries like Lithuania, Colombia and Estonia. As representatives of the rare disorder community waiting desperately for access to a modern medicine that is currently not publicly funded, we are deeply concerned that New Zealand is falling so far behind and not recognising the value in investing more in modern medicines.

Advances in genomics and precision medicines means we can expect an exponential demand for precision medicines and individualised healthcare in the near future, and currently Pharmac and our health system are woefully unprepared.

The most recent [survey](https://www.raredisorders.org.nz/about-rare-disorders/rare-disorders-in-new-zealand/nz-voice-of-rare-disorders-white-paper-2022/) of the rare disorder community in New Zealand conducted by Rare Disorders NZ, found that there were few accessible, effective modern medicines available for the majority of people, with most being used to relieve pain and inflammation.

We are hoping that this worthy cause is one you wish to learn more about and may indeed see potential for supporting. You could make a transformational difference to the lives of 300 000 New Zealanders living with a rare disorder by championing this cause and calling for a medicines budget that is adequate and a medicines strategy that keeps pace with the rest of the OECD and the future of healthcare.

We appreciate that your time is valuable, so we will ensure to keep our meeting brief.

We would look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely,

**[INSERT SIGN OFF/CONTACT DETAILS AS WELL AS LINK TO ORGANISATION’S WEBSITE]**