**[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] is writing to you as our local MP to provide an update on the Fair for Rare NZ campaign and to highlight the issues being faced by those living with rare disorders in our electorate.

As you may be aware, over 300,000 New Zealanders live with a rare disorder in New Zealand (1 in 17 people or 6% of the population) – half of whom are children, which impacts on other areas such as employment and education.

[Insert your story/experience and the issues important to you/your group]

The Fair for Rare NZ campaign was launched on 28 February at Parliament by Dr Liz Craig MP. [Insert your organisation’s name] as one of the 140 support groups that constitute Rare Disorders NZ is seeking to:

1. gain widespread acknowledgement of the very existence of this group of people;
2. secure a Government commitment to addressing the challenges by establishing a New Zealand National Rare Disorder Framework;
3. secure sustainable funding for Rare Disorders NZ, the ONLY organisation representing all people living with a rare disorder.

Those living with a rare disease in New Zealand face inequitable access to diagnosis, treatment and care – particularly when compared to countries such as Australia. The initiatives we wish to brief you on would not only benefit those with a rare disease, but have much further-reaching advantages for wellbeing and contribution to society.

We are hoping that this worthy cause is one you wish to learn more about and may indeed see potential for supporting. Particularly as [insert any personal background/info on the MP that provides a connection to rare disorders].

Together, we can improve healthcare and wellbeing for people and their whanau living with a rare disorder in New Zealand.

We would look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely,

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