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MELBOURNE VIC <Postcode>

Dear <[check how to address your candidate here](#)>

RE: LISTING OF NEW HEPATITIS C TREATMENTS ON PHARMACEUTICAL BENEFITS SCHEME (PBS)

As <someone living with chronic hepatitis C OR an advocate and representative of the community affected by chronic hepatitis C> I commend the decision of the Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee to recommend the approval of the new hepatitis C treatments to be listed on the PBS.

However, I am deeply concerned that no action has been taken by the Government despite the thousands of Australians anxiously waiting; and I urge the Minister for Health and Cabinet of Australia to list these medicines into the PBS and make them available to all Australians living with this debilitating disease.

<Story about your experiences with hepatitis C, how it impacts on your life>

Hepatitis C is a preventable condition however over 230,000 Australians are living with chronic hepatitis C. Data from the recent Annual Surveillance report produced by the Kirby Institute shows that 3,000 people living with chronic hepatitis C progressed to advanced liver disease in the last year.

But now highly effective cures for hepatitis C are available, we just need them to be affordable. For someone like me, having access to this new treatments means...<how accessing new treatments can positively change and impact your life>.

As a Victorian voter, I am hopeful the above information will inspire you to advocate on my behalf and raise this issue with The Hon. Susan Ley MP, Minister for Health for immediate action. Right now, my life and that of thousands of Australians depends on you.

If I can be of any further assistance please do not hesitate to contact me on <address; phone number; email>.

Sincerely,

<Name and Last Name>