Dear XXX

I am a constituent with cystic fibrosis (CF)/and my son/daughter/partner has cystic fibrosis (CF). I’m writing to ask you to attend a parliamentary event on Wednesday 29 November on access to new medicines, and specifically the CF drug, Orkambi.

Cystic fibrosis is a chronic, life-shortening condition that affects over 10,400 people in the UK. Last year, half of all people with CF who died were under the age of 31.

Orkambi is the first precision medicine that tackles the underlying cause of CF for a majority of people rather than merely managing the symptoms. Orkambi is not a cure, but it has been found to slow decline in lung function – the most common cause of death for people with CF – by 42%. Orkambi has also been shown to cut the number of infections requiring hospitalisation by 61%. This gives people more control over their lives, and greater quality of life.

[Tell your story here]

**You can find out more about Orkambi and our campaign at cysticfibrosis.org.uk/orkambi.**

Campaigners across England are calling on the Government to demand that a resolution is reached swiftly so that people with CF can access Orkambi. We deserve better.

**Please represent me**

Ian Austin, MP for Dudley North, is sponsoring the cross-party event, which will be held on **Wednesday 29 November** from 8.30–10.30am at the Churchill Room, Palace of Westminster, and I would be grateful if you could attend on my behalf.

The event will be an opportunity to meet representatives from the Cystic Fibrosis Trust, Vertex and constituents, and to learn more about what we’re trying to achieve: a better way to assess medicines like Orkambi to give people with CF in this country access to life-changing treatments as soon as they are licenced. As I’m sure you can appreciate, this is an issue of the utmost importance and a strong MP presence at the event is essential for success.

Yours sincerely,

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