[Your Name]

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[Your MPP's Name]

[Their Office Address]

Date

Dear [Name of MPP/MLA/MNA/MP],

As a constituent in your riding, I’m writing you today to ask for your help to **Break Through the Bullsh\*t** around breakthrough cancer treatments.

There’s no doubt breast cancer can be crappy. Not just in the diagnosis, but also in everything someone diagnosed with breast cancer has to deal with. It remains one of the most prevalent and life-threatening illnesses affecting women in every province, but still patient access to breakthrough cancer treatments continues to be met with consistent delays in Canada, especially compared to the US and Europe.

Canada has a long, complicated and duplicating drug approval process. While Health Canada has a fast-tracked priority-review program for breakthrough cancer therapies, these innovative treatments go into the same line as other drugs after safety approvals at the Canadian Agency for Drug and Technologies in Health (CADTH) and the pan Canadian Pharmaceutical Alliance (pcPA). As a result, it takes far too long for the treatments to get to the patients whose lives depend on them.

Compounding this, pCPA is already severely backlogged and the organization needs the funding, accountability and internal capacity to lead and support more product negotiations in order to bring cancer patients access to the drugs they need in a quicker timeframe.

I’m asking you today, as my elected representative, to prioritize pressing concerns related to breast cancer breakthrough treatments and champion:

* The development of a clear process to prioritize breakthrough drugs beyond Health Canada
* Expediting the professionalization of the pan-Canadian Pharmaceutical Alliance (pCPA)

I sincerely appreciate your attention to this life-or-death matter and look forward to your response. I am confident your leadership and dedication to our community will enable you to be a champion for this cause. Together, we can make a tangible difference in the lives of those affected by breast cancer and pave the way for a healthier and more equitable future for all.

Sincerely,

[NAME]