Dear [INSERT THE NAME OF YOUR MP],

I am a member of your constituency, and I write to you today to seek your assistance in the fight against pancreatic cancer. Upon diagnosis, most sufferers find they have untreatable terminal cancer with an average life expectancy of three to six months.

[EXPLAIN YOUR CONNECTION TO PANCREATIC CANCER HERE]

The All-Party Parliamentary Group on Pancreatic Cancer has recently published a report on 'The Impact of Covid-19 on Pancreatic Cancer Treatment and Care in England'. The report revealed that the pandemic's impact on treatment for **pancreatic cancer led to 521 excess pancreatic cancer deaths in England by March 2021.**During the height of the pandemic, there were **2,300 missed cancer diagnoses every week**. There is still a massive backlog of cases causing a delay in treatment and will mean more will die as a result.

Almost 10,000 people are diagnosed with pancreatic cancer each year. At the moment, around only 7% of those will survive beyond five years. To put this into comparison, 86% of breast cancer patients and 98% of testicular cancer patients will still be alive five years after diagnosis. Pancreatic cancer has one of the highest incident-to-mortality rates of almost ANY disease. These shocking statistics are related to the fact that cancer of the pancreas is currently very difficult to diagnose.

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**We need your help**. The APPG report makes key recommendations on how the Government can get pancreatic cancer diagnosis and treatments back on track. As my MP, I hope you can write to the Department for Health & Social Care and ask them to implement the report's recommendations. You can get involved in the [APPG on Pancreatic Cancer](https://pancreaticcanceraction.org/what-we-do/goals/party-parliamentary-group-appg-pc/) alongside your parliamentary colleagues and, you can help save lives by driving earlier diagnosis.

I am a supporter of [Pancreatic Cancer Action](http://www.pancreaticcanceraction.org/), a charity that exists to save lives by improving early diagnosis. They are very proactive in raising awareness about pancreatic cancer and have developed a [free eLearning module](http://pancreaticcanceraction.org/what-we-do/how-donations-help/pancreatic-cancer-learning-modules/) for GPs alongside the RCGP" and have produced eLearning modules for Pharmacists and Pharmacy Teams.

If you or anyone in your office would like to speak, I would be more than happy to talk about this further, either over the phone or in person.

I look forward to your response and thank you in advance.

Kindest regards,

[Insert your first and last name]

[Add your postal address including town and postcode]

[Telephone number]

[Email]