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Dear [INSERT NAME OF YOUR MSP],

I am writing to you as a member of your constituency, to ask you to help raise awareness of the issues surrounding pancreatic cancer by attending the debate on pancreatic cancer awareness month in Parliament on Wednesday November 17th and visiting the PanCanVan which will be outside Parliament on World Pancreatic Cancer Day on Thursday November 18th between 10am-3pm.

The need to improve pancreatic cancer diagnosis and outcomes is urgent. Nearly 800 people die of the disease annually in Scotland, often within weeks of diagnosis. Pancreatic cancer has the lowest survival rate of any of the 22 most common cancers; 5-year survival is around 7% and has remained virtually static for 50 years. Survival across the UK lags behind many other high-income countries and Scottish survival rates remain behind those in England and Wales.

While these stats paint a bleak picture of the disease, with early diagnosis, pancreatic cancer can be survived. For those diagnosed in time for potentially lifesaving surgery, survival increases to around 30%. This presents an opportunity for intervention where patients can be diagnosed earlier and live longer with a better quality of life.

[PLEASE INSERT YOUR STORY/EXPERIENCE WITH PANCREATIC CANCER]

You can help us make the 2020s the decade of change for pancreatic cancer by:

* Attending the debate on Wednesday November 17th and raise the issues facing pancreatic cancer patients in your constituency.
* Visiting the PanCanVan outside Parliament on World Pancreatic Cancer Day, Thursday November 18th.
* Sharing our resources (symptoms poster, risks poster) in your constituency, on your social media or website.
* Supporting the work of Pancreatic Cancer Action Scotland in your local area

I look forward to your response and thank you in advance

Kindest regards,

[INSERT YOUR NAME]