



The Honourable Patty Hajdu, P.C., M.P.
Minister of Health
House of Commons
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Dear Minister Hajdu,

We write to you today regarding access to medical treatments for Canadians with Cystic Fibrosis (CF). In Canada, 4,300 people suffer from this rare genetic disease, most of them being children and young adults. Understandably, families are passionate about the treatments that can save and improve the quality of life for their loved ones.

Effective medications for CF have been developed, but Canadians' access to these treatments is limited at best. However, as you are aware, Vertex Pharmaceuticals, developer of treatments for CF, including of Trikafta, a medication found to effectively treat 90% of cases, has signalled their willingness to negotiate and conclude a Price Listing Agreement with the Pan Canadian Pharmaceutical Alliance (pCPA). During the negotiation period, they have offered to supply their drugs to Canadians suffering with CF for free.

This is good news for Canadians with CF, and they are now looking to their federal and provincial governments to do the work of negotiation to secure access to these life-saving treatments.

During this time of national health crisis, people who suffer from Cystic Fibrosis are living in constant fear that they will contract COVID-19 which would, in most cases, take their lives.

No Canadian should have to live with this fear when there are drugs like Trikafta available on the market. This drug would substantially improve the quality of life for the thousands of Canadians who suffer from this genetic illness.

As the Minister of Health, please provide us with an update on what you are doing to support the negotiations with Vertex and ensure that Canadians have access to these life-saving and life-changing drugs.



We look forward to your response.

Yours truly,

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