MONTH XX, 2017

[MLA NAME]

MLA for [INSERT RIDING MLA REPRESENTS]

[INSERT POLITICAL PARTY]

*Delivered via email:* [MLA EMAIL LISTED ONLINE]

Dear MLA [XX],

I am writing in order to bring attention to the lack of support from the government of British Columbia for patients who are suffering from Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis (IPF). Although the Pan Canadian Pharmaceutical Alliance has completed its negotiations, British Columbia is still the only major jurisdiction in Canada without any available treatment options for patients.

IPF is a rare, progressive and fatal lung disease. It is characterized by scarring of the lungs, which hinders a patient’s ability to breathe. Patients ultimately die from respiratory failure. 14,000 people are living with IPF across Canada. Until as recently as three years ago, Canadians diagnosed with this devastating disease had no proven treatment options available to them. Since then two treatments have been developed – and approved for use – for IPF patients.

[INSERT PERSONAL STORY HERE]

The IPF community in British Columbia needs its government to provide the support both patients and their families need and deserve. I sincerely appreciate your consideration of this note, and I am looking forward to hearing back from you on what else can be done in this regard.

Best Regards,

[NAME]