

Subject: Oxygen is essential. Canadians need fair access.

Dear [insert Provincial Representative Name],

I am writing to you as your constituent in [insert community name].

Many Canadians on prescribed medical oxygen to breathe. It is not optional. It is not a convenience. It is the difference between functioning and struggling for air.

Oxygen therapy is a lifeline for many Canadians living with chronic lung diseases such as pulmonary fibrosis. It reduces hospitalizations and improves quality of life. It allows movement, productive work, time spent with family, and living with dignity.

Yet across Canada, access to medically necessary oxygen depends on where you live, how you qualify, and how much you can afford to pay out of pocket. That simply isn't fair.

Canada's Drug Agency did not include medical oxygen on the initial list of essential medicines. Canadian Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation and partner patient lung organizations are asking that oxygen be added at the next update. I am asking for your support.

As my provincial representative, I respectfully ask that you:

1. Support the inclusion of medical oxygen on the national essential medicines list and communicate that support to federal counterparts and Canada's Drug Agency as appropriate.
2. Work within our province to improve access to home long-term oxygen therapy, including reviewing reimbursement policies and ensuring that clinically appropriate delivery systems, such as liquid oxygen when medically necessary, are available to patients who need them.

Breathing should not depend on your postal code.

I would be grateful for your support and would welcome the opportunity to share my perspective or provide additional information.

Thank you for taking the time to consider this important issue.

Sincerely,
[Insert your Name]