

Subject: Oxygen is essential. Canadians need fair access.

Dear [insert MP 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.

Specifically, I hope you will:

1. Express your support to the Minister of Health and to Canada's Drug Agency for adding medical oxygen to the list of essential medicines at the next review.
2. Encourage practical, evidence-based steps to support consistent coverage across provinces, including a reimbursement review for home long-term oxygen therapy and a comparative assessment of delivery systems, including when liquid oxygen is medically necessary.

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]