To:  Member of Provincial Parliament

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**Subject: Need for Ontario to address funding of cancer medications taken at home**
Dear \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,

<<My name is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and I am a resident of your riding in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Ontario.>>

I am writing to draw your attention to a healthcare issue that is very important to me and my family. As a result of our personal experience with cancer, I have come to understand that Ontario's Cancer System is in urgent need of your attention -- particularly with regard to the lack of coverage for take-home cancer medications. Ontario has fallen significantly behind other provinces and cancer patients are being unfairly burdened with huge costs just because their drugs are to be taken at home versus in the hospital.

<personal story if appropriate. e.g., "As a cancer survivor myself... or "As a family member of a cancer patient... etc.>

Recently, many cancer patient groups, physicians, and patients have come together as a coalition called CanCertainty to raise awareness about the out-of-pocket costs faced by cancer patients who have to take oral or self-injectable chemo drugs. A recent report from Cancer Care Ontario supports the need for significant changes in how cancer drugs are prescribed, reimbursed and distributed in Ontario.  I am writing to urge you to contact the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care with your personal support to address this issue as a priority item.

Thank you. I look forward to your response and your attention to this important issue for cancer patients in your riding and across Ontario.

Sincerely,
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