Mr./Ms. (First Name) (Last Name)

M.P. for (Specify Riding)

House of Commons, Ottawa

(Address)

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Dear Mr./Ms. ­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,

On behalf of the Arthritis Alliance of Canada (the “Alliance”), its 36 member organizations and 4.6 million Canadians living with arthritis, I am writing today to request a meeting with you to discuss the impact of arthritis - a chronic disease that affects one out of five of your constituents.

It is estimated that over (insert number) of residents of (insert name of your province) are affected by arthritis resulting in a tremendous burden on the healthcare system and economy as a whole. Yet, the burden and impact of arthritis on the health and well-being of Canadians is under-estimated and misunderstood. The burden of arthritis is expected to grow to 7.5 million Canadians (or one in five) adults by 2036.

The Alliance is a pan-Canadian assembly of leading health care professionals, researchers, funding agencies, voluntary sector agencies, industry and most importantly, arthritis consumer-patient organizations and groups. Its goal is to improve the lives of the 4.6 million Canadians living with arthritis by working toward improved access to care and treatment, broadened education of the arthritis community and public and health policy makers, and increased arthritis research.

**I would appreciate the opportunity to discuss with you the needed changes in our homecare system and what the federal government should consider when making new investments in homecare.**

**I would also like to discuss the barriers that people living with arthritis face in the workplace and what more can be done to ensure the full participation of Canadians living with arthritis in the workforce.**

I will follow up and contact your office to arrange a meeting with you.

Sincerely,

Signature

Name of a Regional Team Manager or Team Member