**Subject: Research in Canada is in trouble. Budget 2024 needs to take action and invest in research**

Month day, 2023

Name of Member of Parliament

House of Commons

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Dear \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,

As a constituent in your riding, I am writing to you to express my grave concerns about the state of health research in Canada.

**Research in Canada is in trouble. We must act now to save it.** Canada’s health research system has been chronically underfunded for the past two decades. As a result, the research ecosystem in this country is in serious trouble. Canada’s spending on R&D is well behind our global peers, and that gap only continues to widen as other countries steadily increase their investments each year. This has dire consequences not only for our ecosystem’s ability to produce world-leading health research and health innovations, but also for our ability to attract, train and retain the world’s best and brightest young researchers.

As a [patient/researcher/graduate student/caregiver/citizen/community member], I know that health research is absolutely vital to the development of new and innovative treatments, diagnostics and technologies and the improvement of health care delivery that I, my family and my community deserves and needs. [Tell a personal story that illustrates what research means to you. Are you a patient who has benefitted from a clinical trial? Are you a researcher who relies on federal funding to make ground-breaking new health discoveries and advancements?]

Research in Canada is in trouble, but a bold, forward-thinking vision for Canadian health research and innovation can help save it. **That is why I ask you, as both a constituent and [patient/researcher/graduate student/caregiver/citizen/community member], to ensure that Budget 2024 reinvests in research and people by immediately doubling research funding to Canada’s granting agencies**.

To learn more about Canada’s health research and innovation ecosystem and the concerns I share with my fellow Canadians about its future, please visit [rc-rc.ca/get-the-facts-research-in- trouble/](rc-rc.ca/get-the-facts-research-in-%20trouble/).

Sincerely,

[YOUR NAME]