Day Month 2019

[Name of your local candidate]
[Address of your local candidate]

Dear [candidate’s name]

Will you ensure that in Australia, our wealth will never affect our health?

I have been a patient of [insert name of practice] practice for [insert number of years] years and am under the care of Dr [insert GP’s name]. I write to ask you to make a genuine commitment to my health and the health of all other Australians by investing in quality patient care and general practice services.

I value my GP and the care given to me at my local general practice. It is important that all Australians are able to access affordable quality healthcare when they need to. I don’t want to see this access reduced by increasing out-of-pocket costs due to a lack of investment by successive governments. The value of my patient rebate has not kept pace with the cost of providing care.

The relationship I have with my GP is important to me, but without a stronger government commitment to the future of Medicare I may not be able to access my GP how and when I need to.

To keep Australians healthy and out of hospitals I call on you to:

1. modernise medicine through improved use of technology in healthcare delivery
2. address increasing patient out-of-pocket costs by ensuring patient rebates reflect the true cost of providing care
3. support mental healthcare delivered by general practitioners
4. recognising and supporting the time and skill required to work through complex health issues.

This election I ask for you to support the health needs of all Australians so that we can access the type of care we need from our GPs when we need to.

Yours sincerely

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Street Address
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