Your name

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Date

Dear [Add MP name],

**RE: Parkinson’s medication supply issues**

I’m writing to express my concerns about Parkinson’s medicine supply issues and urge you as my MP to make representations to the government to take action to try and resolve the problems.

[I/my partner] live with Parkinson’s, a progressive neurological condition that affects 153,000 people in the UK. And there is no cure. Medication is vital to controlling the debilitating symptoms of [my/the] condition, and it affects everyone who lives with it differently.

As you may be aware there have been numerous reports of supply issues for other medications like ADHD and HRT. And in recent months there have been shortages for vital Parkinson’s medications like rasagiline and selegiline. This leaves thousands of people with the condition living with uncontrolled symptoms that negatively impact their daily lives.

[Add details of your specific medicine supply issue and the impact of you not having your meds].

While I recognise some of these supply issues are global, the government took a variety of measures to maintain continuity of medicine supply during Brexit, and I would urge you to raise these issues with the Minister for State for Health, the Rt Hon Andrew Stephenson CBE MP to understand what government action is being taken to resolve these ongoing issues.

We need urgent action to tackle this issue including ensuring:

* Community pharmacies get the appropriate reimbursement from the government for the medicines they dispense.
* That as a result of the voluntary scheme for branded medicines pricing, access and growth the Department of Health and Social Care sets the price of unbranded medicines at a suitable rate and is flexible to patient needs. As otherwise the availability of some medicines will be further impacted.

If you’d like draft PQs to table, or need further information on Parkinson’s medicine supply issues please contact the campaigns team at Parkinson’s UK on 020 7963 9349 or campaigns@parkinsons.org.uk

Thank you in advance

[Add name and address]