February 1, 2023

Dear MLA (insert name),

As a constituent, I am writing to you to voice my concerns regarding the proposed changes to the Extended Health Benefits’, “Specified Disease Conditions” program as presented in the “Supplementary Health Benefit Policy Framework”, discussion paper.

In review, the change to policy is discriminatory, has multiple adverse consequences which are contrary to the rationale for the proposed changes and is not reasonably informed. The consequences are not isolated to the individuals and families immediately impacted, which is already severe, but also to the general population and government services and supports. Although public feedback was sought, only after the policy changes were drafted, its development was not informed by the disability community or other vested partners. Even when brought forward the information provided was vague and dd not provide enough information for informed public feedback.

I am not in favour of this policy change and recommend that it go back to the department, engage with stakeholders in the development of a revised policy, provide actual financial and statistical information on impacts and then to bring the revised policy back to the public for informed feedback.

Kind Regards,

(signature)

Name and address of person