<Your Address>

<Date>

Dear <fill in the name of your elected Member of Legislative Assembly>

CC: The Honourable Sarah Hoffman, Minister of Health

I am writing to you as I believe that being able to directly access my NETCARE laboratory results would improve my healthcare. As a person dealing with a rare, chronic and complex health condition, I require frequent monitoring via laboratory tests.

***What does patient access to personal laboratory values mean to me and my family?***

Accessing my personal laboratory values from NETCARE will empower me to actively participate in my healthcare. The earlier I can respond to changes in my condition as exhibited by my laboratory values, the sooner I can book in for treatment and less likely for I would need to seek expensive emergency medical attention or, perhaps, admission to hospital. It is *SAFER*. Currently, I cannot access these results without a healthcare professional.

***Canadian access to laboratory results***

NETCARE has been one of the greatest achievements of Alberta Health Services in that it enables the province’s healthcare professionals to access and share patient laboratory and diagnostic information across the entire province - but does not allow direct access to patients. Patients in British Columbia and Ontario have easy and secure access to their laboratory results. I am asking for the same access for Albertans.

With personal NETCARE access, I could easily view my laboratory results on-line, which will enable me to be more proactive in my healthcare. I ask you, as my elected member of the Alberta Legislative Assembly, to accept this challenge to become an active advocate for positive change to healthcare access in this province by allowing patients personal access to NETCARE.

Sincerely,

<Your Signature>

<Your name>