[Month] [Year]

[Name of your local MP]
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Dear [Title] [Name]

**Investment in general practice**

I have been a patient of Hobart Place General Practice in Canberra [insert number of years] and it has recently come to my attention that the practice will be permanently closing down. I value my GP and the ongoing, high-quality care I receive my local general practice. Therefore, this outcome will be devastating for myself and the thousands of other patients who currently receive their care at Hobart Place General Practice.

This has occurred due to the rising costs of healthcare that are not reflected in my Medicare patient rebates. The lack of appropriate indexation over many years and investment in general practice patient rebates means that the care provided by my practice could not be sustained.

The cost of providing services will continue to increase while Medicare rebates continue to go down in terms of real value. I value affordable access to my GP and do not want this access reduced by further practices closing down or being forced to increase out-of-pocket costs to keep their doors open.

It is time to get serious about healthcare. I ask you to commit to increasing my Medicare rebates for general practice as a priority.

Yours sincerely