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Mr/Ms. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, MPP (Provincial Member of Parliament) / MLA (Members of Legislative Assembly / MNA (Member of National Assembly) / MHA (Member of the House of Assembly)

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[ADDRESS]

Dear Honourable [NAME],

I am writing to urge you to work with your political and bureaucratic colleagues at the provincial/territorial level, to ensure that the vaccine rollout for COVID-19 vaccines to cancer patients and other immunocompromised members of your constituency receive vaccines as approved by Health Canada and as recommended by the patients’ medical professionals.

That means administering the two doses of the COVID-19 vaccine according to the following schedules:

Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine – 2 doses, 21 days apart
Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine – 2 doses, 4 weeks apart
AstraZeneca COVID-19 Vaccine – 2 doses, between 4 and 12 weeks apart

Please ensure that the COVID-19 vaccine rollout in your province/territory follows this policy and that all local authorities and others administering COVID-19 in your province/territory, including pharmacies, have a copy of your written policy urgently.

*IF YOU ARE A CANCER PATIENT, YOU MAY WISH TO ADD THE FOLLOWING:*

My name is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and I live with a type of [TYPE OF CANCER]. This cancer and the treatments for it both severely compromise my immune system. These two factors create additional risks for serious illness and even death from COVID-19 relative to otherwise healthy individuals.

*IF YOU ARE A CANCER PATIENT AND/OR A CAREGIVER, YOU MAY WISH TO ADD A PERSONAL ANECDOTE RELATED TO CANCER, COVID-19 AND THE VACCINES TO CATCH THE READERS ATTENTION AND MAKE YOUR LETTER MORE PERSONAL AND MEMORABLE.*

If cancer patients like me do not receive both doses of the COVID-19 vaccine on the dosing schedule approved by Health Canada and recommended by oncologists generally,it will be failure of the very own health care system that is designed to protect us. You have the power to act and put in place the measures to protect a very vulnerable cancer community.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,

[signature]

[Name and address]