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The Hon Greg Hunt MP
Minister for Health and Aged Care

By email: minister.hunt@health.gov.au

Dear  Minister

I write in support of Ms Petrina Fraccaro, CEO of Cystic Fibrosis Queensland regarding her application to list the drug Trikafta on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS).

I recently met with Ms Fraccaro at the Cystic Fibrosis Queensland Headquarters in my electorate of Ryan to discuss the exciting results this drug has revealed.

Cystic Fibrosis Queensland are a not for profit charity who work tirelessly to advocate for those affected by this chronic disease and seek innovative treatments and drugs to help better manage the condition.

Cystic Fibrosis is the most common, life-limiting genetic condition that affects 3,500 Australians nationwide. As there is no cure, this disease requires intensive daily treatment in order to prolong the lives of those it affects.

One in every 2,500 births will affect an Australian baby with Cystic Fibrosis who require this treatment to manage their condition so they can live into their adulthood.

Secondary illnesses such as fertility issues, diabetes, arthritis, cancer, liver disease, sinusitis and mental health are among the debilitating conditions that can ensue simultaneously for Cystic Fibrosis sufferers.

I am pleased to write in strong support of Cystic Fibrosis Queensland's application to list the drug Trikafta on the PBS.

Trikafta is due to be reviewed by the Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee (PBAC) in March 2021.

Should it be successful, this drug will benefit 90% of Australians with Cystic Fibrosis and has the ability to extend life by more than 30 years.

Trikafta has been proven to be effective in both adults and children and listing it on the PBS would improve its accessibility and affordability for those who suffer from this debilitating condition.

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I commend Cystic Fibrosis Queensland's application to list the drug Trikafta on the PBS with my full support.

Your consideration on Ms Fraccaro's application in due course would be much appreciated.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Julian Simmonds', with a large, stylized flourish extending from the end of the name.

Julian Simmonds MP
Federal Member for Ryan

Cc: Ms Petrina Fraccaro, CEO, Cystic Fibrosis Queensland