{Your Full Address}

{Your Postcode}

{Date}

Dear {MP Name},

I am writing to you to as my MP, to ask for your support in urging the government to urgently implement the Sodium Valproate Compensation Scheme, and to ensure that the families who have suffered harm due to this medicine get the support they need.

Both the Cumberlege (2020) and Hughes (2024) reports recommended the creation of a redress scheme for the victims of sodium valproate. These reports highlighted the pressing need for an independent body to administer the redress scheme to address the grievances of those who have been harmed by health systems failings.

It has now been 5 years since the Cumberlege report was published, and over a year since the Hughes report. However, to date the government has not responded to the Hughes report, and the previous government rejected the recommendations to establish a redress scheme in the Cumberlege report.

Thousands of lives have been ruined because of sodium valproate. It is estimated that it has affected 20,000 children and their families in the UK through in-utero exposure and associated long term foetal abnormalities, some requiring 24-hour care. This has placed a huge financial burden on many families.

[ADD IN ANY PERSONAL EXPERIENCE YOU MAY HAVE WITH THE HARM CAUSED BY SODIUM VALPROATE HERE]

For decades now those affected have fought to see the justice they deserve. This help is long overdue, and they and I would welcome your support in calling on the government to respond to the Hughes report as a matter of urgency, and establish the redress scheme so families get the support they need.

Yours Sincerely,