House of Commons

London

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Dear [MP name],

**RE: Risk to Hospiscare services – how will inequity of hospice funding be addressed?**

I am writing to you regarding my local hospice, Hospiscare, and the inequity of its funding.

I understand that Hospiscare receives just 15% of its costs from government funding, in comparison to a national average of 27%. Furthermore, our hospice is the lowest funded in Devon, although it cares for a comparable number of patients as other hospices in the county and across a larger geographical area.

My local hospice provides an outstanding service for thousands of local patients and families and is rated as five-star by its patients.

The charity and its supporters do an amazing job in raising millions of pounds every year toward the costs of the hospice, but the inequity in funding from government via the NHS means the hospice is nevertheless facing a £2.5 million funding gap and has had to reduce its vital services.

Without the hospice, its patients will need to be treated in an acute hospital setting where they will be a further demand on the NHS system and cost the NHS additional millions in direct care.

This will be a devasting loss to local people. The hospice means a lot to me because [please add your own words here].

I am writing today to ask you to represent in parliament the funding issues Hospiscare is facing, so steps can be taken to ensure that our hospice is funded fairly, now and into the future.

Yours sincerely,