*Your name/surname*

*Address*

*E-mail address*

*Your local TD/Senator*

*Name Surname*

*Official Address*

*E-mail address*

Dear Mr/Mrs ….[INSERT THE SURNAME OF THE TD}

I am a constituent and regular voter in your area.

I have lived with **[INSERT THE TYPE OF DIABETES**] diabetes for [**INSERT YOUR DIABETES DURATION]** years and I still don’t know how many people live with diabetes in our county. I often feel that… (**write here your personal story and the reason why you would like to highlight this particular issue to politicians***)*.

Ireland does not have a National Diabetes Registry and because of this we were ranked down as 20th out of 30 European countries in a Euro Diabetes index survey with the lack of diabetes registry highlighted as a major deficiency in Ireland’s health service. I live in [**INSERT AREA YOU LIVE**] and my hospital lacks [**INSERT AN ISSUE OR SERVICE LACKING IN YOUR HOSPITAL OR LOCAL COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE**].

Unfortunately, because there’s no diabetes register there’s no way of feeding this information back into the system; nobody knows how I’m doing and what services are needed in my area. We have to empower our healthcare providers with this information. They are entrusted with the allocation of the necessary services for our health.

As we battle the Covid pandemic, we all appreciate the importance of our health service; let’s give them the tools they need to help us live with diabetes.

I am writing to you to ask for your support for the diabetes community by asking Parliamentary Questions about implementing a National Diabetes Registry for people living with diabetes in Ireland.

***[You can choose one, or both]***

Parliamentary Questions of the Minister for Health:

1. To ask the Minister for Health when will the Sláintecare project on the development of a National Diabetes Register recommence and if he will make a statement on the matter.

1. To ask the Minister for Health, does he accept the need for a National Diabetes Register; why there is no current register and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Thank you for your time in considering my request.

I hope to hear from you in due course.

I am available at the address above or by email at [**INSERT YOUR EMAIL**}

Yours sincerely,

[**YOUR NAME**]

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