For Labour MPs

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Subject	From your constituent - we must save general practice

Dear [full name of your MP],

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- GPs carry out 400 million annual appointments
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We, as patients, believe general practice should be at the heart of every community – keeping us safe and providing strong foundations for the rest of the NHS. But decades of neglect have broken the system and it's now in danger.

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The situation is reaching breaking point, with a dwindling number of family doctors and GP practices closing down. It is clear that immediate change is needed to help guarantee consistent care for members of the community.

That is why I am writing to you today. With the election fast approaching, I urge you, as my local MP, to write to Wes Streeting and the Shadow Health team, to highlight that general practice is a constituency priority, and must be emphasised when finalising the Labour manifesto.

Thank you in advance for your consideration, and I look forward to hearing from you. If you would like to meet with me and/or a constituent GP to discuss the situation, please let me know.

Best wishes,

[Your name] [Your address]* [Your email address]

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