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INSERT MP'S NAME, THEN ADD MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT AND MP'S LOCAL ADDRESS (Note: You can get your MP's contact information by calling 1-800-463-6868 or going to https://www.ourcommons.ca/en)

Dear Mr. or Ms. (INSERT LAST NAME OF MP)

Re: Petition on the Overdose and Drug Poisoning Crisis

I am writing to request that you present the enclosed petition on the overdose and drug poisoning crisis in the House of Commons.

The crisis continues to be one of the most devastating public health emergencies of our lifetime,with an average of 22 deaths a day last year and an overall death toll of 44,592 in the last eight years (January 2016 – December 2023).

I think, and I hope you agree, that it is time to do more to end this crisis.

The enclosed petition urges the government to declare the overdose and drug poisoning crisis as a national public health emergency and immediately collaborate with provinces and territories to develop a comprehensive, pan-Canadian action plan to deal with this matter. As you will see, we believe any plan should consider reforms such as legal regulation of drugs to ensure safe supply, decriminalization for personal use, and changes to flawed drug policies and policing.

(Optional)
On a personal note, I want you to know that I have been directly touched by this crisis and am determined to do what I am able to stop further overdose deaths and injuries, starting with this petition. INSERT ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR LOVED ONE IF YOU WISH.

(Please include following)
I would like to thank you for reading this letter and considering my request. If, for any reason, you are not able or willing to present my petition, I would very much appreciate it if you would return the petition to me. Thank you.

Sincerely,

SIGN YOU FULL NAME
ADD YOUR PHONE NUMBER