**[place on letterhead]**

**[insert date]**

**[insert member name]**

**[insert member address]**

Dear **[insert member name]**

**RE: Help #SecurePCPsFuture**

I am writing on behalf of **[insert your organisation name]** to seek your support in securing the future of Victoria’s twenty-eight Primary Care Partnerships (PCPs).

Victoria’s PCPs are unique in the Australian health care landscape. Established in 2000, PCPs connect more than 850 health, education, community service and local government organisations with local communities to share skills and harness resources to find solutions to local health and wellbeing challenges.

PCPs support the delivery of over twenty state government strategies, actively embedding government policy and reform in local communities through more than 150 distinct initiatives.

Unfortunately, PCPs’ current funding and service agreement expires in December 2019. To date confirmation of further funding has not been received creating uncertainty for partners, staff and everyday Victorians.

A statewide audit of PCP activity since July 2017 reveals that on several measures, PCPs are delivering significant value for money to government:

* **PCPs leverage additional resources:** For every core dollar invested, PCPs have generated an additional $0.92 from other state, commonwealth and non-government sources; in addition, one in three of its 300 initiatives involving 2 or more partners also includes pooled financial resources.
* **PCPs involve communities:** PCPs have delivered over 1100 events, education sessions, campaigns and other projects directly engaging community members to improve health and wellbeing.
* **PCPs prevent poor health and save health dollars:** PCPs have invested heavily in activities shown to prevent people becoming unwell, delivering almost 300 prevention initiatives supported by around 120 prevention networks and over 500 health promotion practitioners.
* **PCPs help partners and communities navigate change:** Most PCPs (80%) have played an active role in helping partners navigate complex reforms in mental health, NDIS and aged care, with many also supporting communities to adapt to climate change.
* **PCPs build evidence about what works:** PCPs have engaged in over 50 formal partnerships with academic institutions.
* **PCPs engage and build a skilled workforce:** PCPs have delivered over 900 workforce development activities attended by almost 20,000 people, including their current workforce of more than 150 highly specialised and qualified staff, tertiary students and volunteers.

In the region of **[insert your local area / region]** PCPs have delivered…. **[insert a key initiative, outcome, value add made to your local community or health system]**.

We are seeking your support at the upcoming October parliamentary sitting period to ensure locally based health partnership funding into 2020 is assured. We would be very keen to meet with you to discuss our work, and look forward to working with you continue meeting the needs of the **[insert location]** community.

Yours Sincerely,