

TEMPLATE LETTER

(DATE)

**Assembly Health Committee
California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 6005
Sacramento, CA 94249
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Dear Assembly member **(NAME OF LEGISLATOR)**:

I am writing you to show that I support AB 2170 which prohibits group health insurance plans from increasing my out-of-pocket costs for prescription drugs during the contract year.

As one with Alpha 1 Antitrypsin Deficiency, AB 2170 will protect me from sudden and unplanned out-of-pocket costs for my infusions. My infusions are necessary as they maintain both my health and the quality of my life.

Currently, I can plan and budget for the annual out-of-pocket costs of my prescription drugs. I would be unprepared if the co-payment for my medication were to go up after I have signed a contract with my insurer.

If the out-of-pocket costs for my medications were to suddenly increase, I may be forced to cut back, go without, or switch drugs.

I already struggle to cope with the high costs of my infusions. AB 2170 will protect me as it will help me plan ahead for the annual out-of-pocket costs.

AB 2170 is an important consumer protection bill as it will assure that I have access to appropriate health care treatments.

Sincerely,

YOUR NAME