Letter content: From Care Provider to Local MP

Dear xxx,

**The vital role of homecare in your constituency**

As a homecare provider in your constituency, I am writing to highlight the crucial importance of our work and to seek your support following recent measures announced in the Autumn Budget.

[**Insert name of organisation**] has been providing high-quality homecare services in your constituency for **[XX]** years. We employ [**number**] local people and support [**number**] individuals to live independently at home.

The recent Autumn Budget measures are deeply concerning for us and will have a devastating impact on our ability to continue delivering essential public services to people in our communities. The £600 million in new grant funding announced falls drastically short of what's needed. The Homecare Association, of which we are members, calculates the sector needs an injection of £1.8 billion just to cover these new increases and address historic deficits in homecare.

The combined effect of the announced minimum wage increase and changes to employers' national insurance contributions will add approximately £2.04 per hour to our direct staff costs in homecare. This is before we consider inflationary pressures in other running costs, such as IT, PPE and insurance.

For my organisation alone, this means an added annual cost of [£XX] per employee.

With [number of] employees, we're looking at extra costs of over [£XX] per year - costs we simply cannot absorb.

Our reality is that:

* Councils and the NHS commission [X%] of our homecare services at rates that already fail to cover our costs.
* The council/ICB we contract with pays only £xx per hour, which is only x% of the Homecare Association Minimum Price.

We stand alongside the Homecare Association in calling for the government to:

1. Exempt homecare providers from the employers' NIC changes
2. Provide emergency funding of £1.8 billion to cover increased employment costs
3. Implement a National Contract for Care services that guarantees a minimum price for homecare
4. Establish a multi-year funding settlement that reflects the true cost of quality care

As our local MP, we urge you to help us raise our concerns with the government. If the government does not find a solution to this, we believe we will have to [INSERT ACTIONS YOU MAY HAVE TO TAKE – THIS COULD INCLUDE HANDING BACK CONTRACTS, BUSINESS CLOSURE, REDUCTION IN BRANHCES]

We would love you to see first-hand how homecare supports our community by coming along to visit us. This would provide you with valuable insights into our vital work and the opportunities and challenges we face. Please contact me on [**Insert email address**] to arrange a date. We would be happy to facilitate media coverage and photo opportunities during your visit.

We look forward to hearing from you and working together to ensure that homecare receives the recognition and support it deserves.

Yours sincerely,

[Name, role and organisation]