**Alberta Optometry Patients – Sample Letter to Elected Official**

**Please use this letter as a guide in writing to your MLA**

First Name/Last Name

Constituency or Riding Name

Address and Postal Code

Dear Name of Elected Official

My name is YOUR NAME and I am a resident of your constituency. I am writing to you today with deep concern about the decision by Alberta Health to delist a service and implement changes to Alberta optometry coverage, effective February 1, 2025. The changes outlined will have a significant negative impact on the eye and vision care of patients in Alberta.

I kindly urge that you please advocate on behalf of those in your riding who are seeking medical assistance and eye care by asking for the changes to be stopped. I hope that you will consider the implications of this decision and bring forth the concerns of many regarding the quality of health care that will be influenced and reduced by the implementation of these changes.

For example, if an optometrist sees reason for additional testing during an exam, they can no longer complete the tests during the same appointment but there is also no covered option for bringing the patient back. This increases the potential of eye disease needlessly advancing and places additional burden on Albertans to pay out of pocket for previously covered services.

Thank you for taking the time to review my concern. I appreciate your dedication to upholding the wellbeing of the people of our riding and making decisions to help positively impact our lives.

Please let me know that you have received my concerns and will be taking action.

Sincerely,

YOUR NAME