(Name) Member of Parliament (Constituency)

(Street Address)

(City, Town) (Postal Code)

(Date)

Dear (Mr. Ms. Mrs.) (Surname),

I am writing as one of your constituents to express my concerns about the changes to the Interim Federal Health Program (IFHP), effective June 30, as part of the 2012 budget cuts.

The cuts in the IFHP program by the federal government will significantly change the lives of many refugees who are one the most marginalized populations in our country. Some of these Refugees in Canada have been ravaged by war, disease, drought, poverty and their health issues range from unusual infectious diseases to problems with transitioning in their new home. Refugees have lived through conditions unimaginable to most Canadian citizens. Providing health care services are more than just health care to refugees, it is a way to integrate them into Canadian society which ultimately benefits the entire community. In addition, cutting health care services for refugees will cost the Canadian tax payers more money in the long run.

As a Canadian citizen and health care professional, I am concerned about the well being of many refugees in my community.

Canada has always been committed to promoting international human rights and cutting health care funding for refugees is an injustice against our values as a country.

Your willingness to take action now and retract these proposed changes to Interim Federal Health will demonstrate your support for all Canadian citizens.

Thank you for your commitment. I look forward to receiving a response from you.

Sincerely,

(Your Name)

(Street Address)

(Town, Province)

(Postal Code)

(Phone Number if applicable)