Canadian Network for NEGLECTED TROPICAL DISEASES

## How Do I participate in the #Onefor1BILLION #Write4NTDs Campaign, and Why?

Why write to your MP? – Our government and our Members of Parliament are accountable to their constituents. When we as Canadians show that we care about an issue (like NTDs and global health), it's our MP's job to take our concerns to the relevant Ministers responsible for the issues we raise. Personal letters are best, and they are one way to influence our Government. There's strength in numbers, so the more Canadians that raise an issue, the more likely it will be that our Members of Parliament will act.

## Step 1: Find your MP

You can find your MP on the official Parliament website: http://www.ourcommons.ca/ by searching for your postal code or your riding. Be sure to check your MP's correct title here as well, so that you know how to address them (Mr, Mrs, Dr, Sir, Rt. Hon). You can also check to see if your MP is a member of the Kings Privy Council here, where you would also include the initials 'P.C' after their name.

## Step 2: Write your letter!

Download and customize **this letter template** that you can customize. When writing a letter to your MP, be sure to let them know that you are a constituent, and make sure your ask/request is clear. Make sure to sign off on your letter so that your MP can follow-up. This also authenticates your letter.

## Step 3: Send your Letter

It's free to mail your MP – no postage needed! Emailing your MP is also a great way to communicate. The official Parliament website: http://www.ourcommons.ca/ also contains the mailing and email addresses for MPs.

## Step 4: Report that you wrote for NTDs

Congratulations – You did it! You chose to #Write4NTDs! You are #Onefor1BILLION people living with and affected by NTDs! **Report your sent letter here,** and let us know if you hear back!

Is there anyone else (family/friends/co-workers) that might also like to join the campaign? Let others know that you've written to your MP, and encourage them to do the same!

## Ok, I've sent a letter to my MP! What happens NOW?

You can also post on social media that you wrote for NTDs. We have graphics and messages that you can share here in our **social media package for #Write4NTDs** on World NTD Day. If you don't hear back from your MP within a week or two, you can follow-up with your earlier email to remind your MP that it's not too late for them to take action for NTDs.