**Cover letter for supporters to send to their MP asking them to write to their local authority re Support MND Carers**

Dear **[MPs NAME]**,

As my MP, I’m asking you to support carers of people with motor neurone disease (MND) locally by writing to our local authority.

As you may know, MND is a fatal, rapidly progressing disease that affects the brain and spinal cord. MND leaves people locked in a failing body, unable to move, talk and eventually breathe. Six people a day die from MND in the UK.

Caring for somebody with a complex and progressive disease like MND is an enormous responsibility which impacts carers in multiple ways. It is often family who take on the bulk of caring responsibilities.

The MND Association recently published a report that found:

* Only 25% of carers of people with MND had either received a carer’s assessment or were in the process of having one
* 40% were unaware of their right to a carer’s assessment
* Carers felt that assessors lacked understanding of MND and the full impact of providing care on the carer
* 70% of carers have not had assessment/support plans or re-assessments/reviews of their needs

The full report [can be found here](https://www.mndassociation.org/sites/default/files/2023-02/Carers-Report-External-version.pdf). Carer’s assessments are a vital tool in ensuring carers are sufficiently supported and in light of these findings I would like to guarantee carers locally are able to access the help they need.

The MND Association have composed [this template letter](https://www.mndassociation.org/sites/default/files/2023-05/MP%20template%20letter%20to%20local%20authorities.docx) for MPs to send to local authorities to raise awareness of their findings and make certain that councils are making assessments accessible: [www.mndassociation.org/sites/default/files/2023-05/MP%20template%20letter%20to%20local%20authorities.docx](http://www.mndassociation.org/sites/default/files/2023-05/MP%20template%20letter%20to%20local%20authorities.docx).

Would you consider sending this letter to **[LOCAL AUTHORITY/LOCAL AUTHORITIES]** so we can make sure carers in our constituency are properly supported.

Thank you for supporting people living with and affected by motor neurone disease.

Best wishes,

**[YOUR NAME AND POSTCODE SO YOUR MP KNOWS YOU ARE A CONSTITUENT]**