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Federal Electorate: _____

Candidate's Name: _____

Candidate's Address: _____

Dear Candidate

I am requesting your support for Macular Disease Foundation Australia's Federal Election 2016 key positions relating to the prevention of macular disease and the affordability and accessibility of treatment and rehabilitation. Key positions are:

1. Establishment of an equitable, national, federally funded low vision equipment program
2. Ensure the affordability of health care for the macular disease community
 - a) Immediately lift the indexation freeze on the Medicare Benefits Schedule
 - b) Private Health Insurance reform enabling payment of benefits for in-rooms treatment of macular disease
 - c) Medicare funding of OCT scans for management of macular diseases
3. Funding Macular Disease Foundation Australia for preventive health and chronic disease support

Macular disease is the leading cause of blindness and severe vision loss in Australia. The most prevalent form of the disease, macular degeneration, primarily affects older Australians. An estimated 1 in 7 Australians over 50 or 1.19 million people¹ have some evidence of macular degeneration. The Foundation has mapped the estimated prevalence of macular degeneration for federal electorates[#], which can be found at www.sightforseniors.com.au/mapping. For more information on the Foundation's Election 2016 Campaign visit www.mdfoundation.com.au.

Please send your response on these key issue to me prior to the election on 2 July 2016. Contact details below.

Full Name: _____

Address: _____

Postcode: _____

Email: _____

[#]Please note that due to recent electoral boundary changes, disease prevalence estimates are not available for all electorates.

¹*Eyes on the Future - A clear outlook on Age-related Macular Degeneration*, 2011, Deloitte Access Economics and Macular Degeneration Foundation

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