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FAO <MP Name>

Dear…….

I work in community pharmacy and as your constituent I want to make you aware of the intense pressure we are all under in community pharmacy at present. The current situation is putting patient services at risk of serious deterioration. Extra funding is needed now to ensure community pharmacies can continue to operate and that patients can maintain access to local clinical services and prescription medication, visiting their pharmacy first where possible, as part of a wider health system over the coming years.

I attach a briefing prepared by the Pharmaceutical Services Negotiation Committee (PSNC), which highlights the key issues we are facing in community pharmacy.

In addition to the areas covered in the briefing, there is a shortage of community pharmacists in Lincolnshire and obtaining locum coverage is difficult, due to the geography and infrastructure in the county, meaning travel can be a barrier to attracting locums, especially at an affordable rate. With community pharmacy funding remaining static since 2015, representing a real terms 25% decrease, it really is time for something to be done to protect the vital services we provide in the community.

I would appreciate any influence you could provide and action you could take to raise the profile of community pharmacy in parliament and ensure a sustainable future can be realised for community pharmacy provision for all of your constituents.

Kind Regards