[Insert your address]

[Insert name of your local MP] MP

House of Commons

London

SW1A 0AA

[Insert date]

Dear [insert name of MP],

**#ProtectERNs**

I am/we are writing to you as my/our MP to tell you about the Protect European Reference Networks (ERNs) campaign, launched by the charity Genetic Alliance UK. The campaign focuses on the importance of the UK’s continued participation in ERNs post Brexit.

ERNs allow knowledge and expertise about rare diseases to be shared across Europe. They provide families affected by rare diseases, like mine, with access to diagnosis and transformative care, without the burden of long-distance travel.

I am writing to you as my MP to join this campaign because [You might like to insert some information here about your interest in rare disease e.g. do you or a family member have a rare disease? Please try and limit your story to a paragraph or two as it can be followed up with more information should your MP show an interest]

Collectively, rare diseases are not rare. In the UK alone, 3.5 million people will be affected by a rare disease at some point in their life – that’s around 4,000 people in the average constituency. As my/our MP, please show your support for patients and families affected by rare diseases by visiting [protect-erns.eu](file:///G:\My%20Drive\Rare%20Disease%20Day%20SEG\Patient%20Letters\protect-erns.eu) and signing up to #ProtectERNs**.**

Yours sincerely,

[Insert name]

[Insert role and organisation if appropriate]