Dear [name of MP]

It was wonderful to see the doorstep applause for frontline staff that took place every Thursday evening during the lockdown and the drawings of rainbows and kind messages that people placed in their windows, thanking NHS staff and other key workers.

The pandemic and how NHS staff have risen to its many challenges has underlined the fantastic work that they do, day in and day out. Dietitians and dietetic support workers have provided nutrition to those critically ill with COVID-19, continued to support people with complex nutrition-related conditions during lockdown, and help address conditions such as obesity and type 2 diabetes that put people at greater risk.

Given that very high level of public support, it was confusing for many of us when we heard on 21 July that judges, dentists and other public sector workers are to receive a pay rise, whilst Allied Health Professionals such as dietitians and dietetic support workers, nurses and most other NHS frontline staff will not. I understand that we are coming to the end of a three-year pay deal, but I hope you agree that the current circumstances justify bringing forward the renewal of that process.

My professional body and trade union, the British Dietetic Association, is calling for all NHS Allied Health Professionals, nurses and other healthcare staff to receive a substantial pay rise and for the bringing forward of that pay rise from next April into this year. The public expect it, and frontline staff deserve it.

Putting extra money in our pockets would not just acknowledge and recognise our hard work, it would put cash into struggling local economies up and down the country and help families at a time when many will be facing mounting financial difficulties. I hope that you will stand with us in our call for NHS staff excluded from July’s announcement to get a pay rise earlier than planned, bringing forward the rise planned for April 2021 so that it hits pay packets this year.

**I would ask that you write to the Chancellor of the Exchequer and the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care to ask them to accelerate the NHS Pay Review Body process so that it delivers a consolidated pay rise and (2) to sign** [**EDM 742, *Early Pay Rise for NHS Staff***](https://edm.parliament.uk/early-day-motion/57283/early-pay-rise-for-nhs-staff)**, to show your public support for all NHS staff.**

I would be happy to meet with you virtually to discuss more specifically the impact on local dietetic services and explore how else you can support our campaign.

Yours sincerely,

[Your name]

[Your job title]

[Your home address] *This is important to confirm you are a constituent*