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**Re: All-Party Parliamentary Group on Spinal Cord Injury Wednesday9th June 2021 3.30pm**

Dear xxx

I am writing as your constituent to ask that you attend the next meeting of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Spinal Cord Injury, which is being held on Wednesday 9th June 2021 at 3.30pm.

I am one of around 50,000 people in the UK living with a Spinal Cord Injury (SCI). The APPG brings together MPs and peers to learn about the challenges that come with a life-changing injury like mine. These range from difficulties in accessing specialist medical treatment, social care problems, getting back to work and much more.

In partnership with the Spinal Injuries Association, members of the group advocate for SCI people with government on issues that affect me and my family every day.

Current priorities for the APPG include working with government and the NHS as we come out of the pandemic to address long-standing bed shortages in the national network of Spinal Cord Injury Centres which mean one third of people who sustain a SCI do not receive specialist acute care.

This has major implications for the health of individual patients and their ability to manage their injury, but also imposes additional costs on the NHS which run to thousands of pounds per patient every day. Treating a SCI patient in a major trauma centre is roughly 3 times as expensive as providing care within a specialist spinal unit.

As your constituent, and as a spinal cord injured person myself, I would be grateful if you would attend the next APPG meeting and demonstrate your support for the SCI community.

To confirm your attendance at the meeting, please register here: [APPG Meeting June 2021](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/all-party-parliamentary-group-on-spinal-cord-injury-june-meeting-tickets-143744199771)

Thank you for your continued hard work at this challenging time.

Yours sincerely,