Dear (insert name of your local MP),

I’m a volunteer at Prospect Hospice, a charity delivering essential end-of-life care to local people in Swindon, Marlborough and northeast Wiltshire. I am deeply concerned to hear that, like hospices across England, the vital services they provide are under threat because their income is not rising in line with the growing need for their services locally.

**As my representative in Parliament, will you take part in the backbench business debate on Monday 15 April, where MPs will be discussing the subject of hospice funding.**

Prospect Hospice’s Chief Executive, Jeremy Lune, has written a blog on this subject, which you can read [**here**](https://www.prospect-hospice.net/https-www-prospect-hospice-net-working-for-us-vacant-positions-copy/).

**To protect local hospice care in your constituency, please ask the government to:**

* Produce a national plan to ensure the right funding flows to hospices. This should include measures to support local Integrated Care Boards (ICBs) with their commissioning decisions to secure hospice funding now and into the future.
* Ensure ICBs commit to fully delivering the statutory requirement set out in the Health and Care Act 2022. This should include placing hospices on multi-year contracts, paying the full cost of commissioned clinical services, and offering hospices the same annual contract value increases as NHS services.

I love volunteering at the hospice. I’m proud of the difference we make to people and their families. It’s heartbreaking to think this invaluable service could soon be gone.

Please let me know if you will take part in the debate on Monday to help protect hospice care in our local area for years to come.

Many thanks for your support with this important matter,

(insert your postcode)