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TO THE COUNTRY MANAGER OF VERTEX

Firstly, I would to thank Vertex Pharmaceuticals for developing CFTR modulators. These amazing drugs have changed the lives of people with cystic fibrosis (CF) forever but now I have another 'ask'.

The Australian CF Community needs Vertex to join the negotiating table with the Federal Government in good faith and allow Australians with CF access to Trikafta as soon as possible.

The CF Community understands that Vertex has spent a great deal of money on research and development (R&D) and we understand that unless R&D is supported progress halts, but it cruel to delay access and effectively shorten lives.

We have all emerged from the COVID Crisis and there is lots of talk about a "new way of doing things". Now is the chance for Vertex to lead the way and provide Compassionate Access to all eligible Australians once the PBAC has recommended it for reimbursement.

You can then negotiate the Trikafta price with Government. No lives will be lost, and the dreadful stress and anxiety felt by the CF community during the 'waiting period' can be alleviated.

We know you understand that every day the CF Community is denied Trikafta lives are shortened and the opportunity to lead a full and rewarding life is minimalised.

Please don't put us through the waiting game again. It was a frightening and brutal odyssey with Kalydeco, Orkambi and Symdeko and we should not have to endure craven commercialisation again.

Kind Regards

Community Member Person with CF
Parent of a person with CF
Sibling of a person with CF