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Country Manager
Vertex Pharmaceuticals (Australia) Pty Ltd
601 Pacific Highway
St Leonards NSW 2065,

Dear Vertex Country Manager

The PBAC has announced that they will not be recommending your CF drug Trikafta for reimbursement on the PBS. You have the best CF drug on the market, which can mean only one thing: The negotiations failed on the basis of price.

This is incredibly disappointing. In fact, it is devastating for us because we know that your company holds the key to our survival, to our longevity, to our happiness.

Trikafta is a miracle drug and Vertex deserves all credit for that. The cost of developing these drugs is obviously enormous and we acknowledge that Vertex is a business. But you are a powerful business, one whose products are making robust returns all over the world – including Trikafta.

We know that it is within your power to grant Compassionate Access to Trikafta for Australians with CF while you continue to negotiate with our government.

This gesture would strengthen your bargaining position, not weaken it, because it would highlight your credibility and the immense worthiness of your product.

What's more it would be the compassionate thing to do, to think of and look after the very sick adults and children in this country that only your medicine can help.

I am writing to my MP's as well. I see that there are two sides of this problem. But the ones who suffer do not need to be the children, parents and families of those of us who are living with CF.

Please deal quickly conscientiously in your negotiations and bring this matter to a swift and happy conclusion for all involved. Please grant Compassionate Access to Trikafta in the meantime, at least for those who symptoms are most severe.

Please hear us, the hopeful voices of the Australian Cystic Fibrosis Community.

Yours in Hope

Person with CF
Parent of a child with CF
Partner/Carer/ Friend/Sibling of a person with CF