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Dear **MP or Senator**

I imagine you, like the rest of us, are looking forward to a break over Christmas. After the COVID crisis I think we all deserve a safe and happy family time.

That's why to ensure our cystic fibrosis (CF) families not merely continue to exist but face the years ahead with resolute optimism we must continue our fight for the best drugs and treatments.

In March 2021 we hope that the CF 'wonder drug' Trikafta will be reviewed by the Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee (PBAC). This drug will benefit 90% of Australians with CF and has the ability to extend life by more than 30 years.

Trikafta prevents permanent, irreversible lung damage, significantly reduces pulmonary exacerbations, hospitalisation and antibiotic use and increases BMI.

Trikafta is highly effective for both adults and children with CF and its ripple effects are even greater because it reduces stress, anxiety and depression in the family unit.

As you choose Christmas presents for your family and friends please think about the greatest present of all ... life itself. Share our slogan "there is no gift like time" on your social media and with your parliamentary colleagues and support our efforts to get the best drugs and treatments for people with CF.

Have a great Christmas and if you would like to hear firsthand how Trikafta will change the lives of people with CF please email me at nettieb@cfa.org.au. We have many compelling stories to share and we can connect you to a person in your electorate.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nettie Burke".

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