

New Year Letter to Politicians from CFA

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Dear MP/Senator

I imagine you, like the rest of us, are enjoying a new year break and after the COVID Crisis I think we all deserve some 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 recommended 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 enjoy the presents you received this Christmas from 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.

If you would like to hear firsthand how Trikafta will change lives of people in your electorate please email nickim@cfa.org.au at Cystic Fibrosis Australia. We have many compelling stories to share.

Kind regards



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