Dear [MP name]

**Re: Create a fairer future for Autistic Australians**

I’m writing to you today because I want my vote to count for Autistic Australians in the Federal Election on 3 May 2025.

I ask that you commit to investing in targeted reforms and policies that improve choice, equality, life experiences, and outcomes for all Autistic people to thrive. Investing in these actions is not only a human right, but improves outcomes for all Autistic Australians, their families and supporters.

Autistic Australians are at higher risk for adverse childhood experiences and mental health issues, experience higher rates of unemployment than the general population, and struggle with a lack of support at school and exclusion from childcare. They are disproportionately likely to experience homelessness, with an annual cost estimated to be around $1.5 billion per year.

We can change this together. Improved employment support programs and workplace adjustments could increase the productivity of Autistic Australians by at least $2 billion per year and improve their standards of living.

I stand with Amaze and the Australian Autism Alliance, who are committed to a fairer future for Autistic Australians through accountability and action. Together we ask that you:

1. Implement the National Autism Strategy 2025- 2031 in full, introducing an Assistant Minister for Autism and an independent oversight mechanism.
2. Expand access to autism-informed service through Medicare by removing age caps, and increasing rebates for autism assessments, and cover for neurodivergent-specific therapy options.
3. Fund the National Roadmap to Improve the Health and Mental Health of Autistic People 2025-2035.
4. Develop a nationally consistent model for Foundational Supports to cover those who are ineligible for individual NDIS plans and ensure this is in place effectively before it transitions out of the NDIS.

I look forward to casting my vote for a candidate and party that recognises Australia’s Autistic and neurodivergent community and works to improve their employment outcomes, to support their mental health and educational engagement, and to reduce their risk of homelessness.

Sincerely,

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