**Covid-19 template letter**

 Your address (must include postcode)

Date

Dear [Insert MP’s name]

I am writing to express my extreme concern and dismay at the proposed relaxation of all Covid-19 restrictions on 19 July, which ignores the risk posed to the 2.5 million people classed as ‘extremely clinically vulnerable’.

As a blood cancer patient, I am in this group, and I am alarmed at the possible disastrous consequences of this decision for me and other blood cancer patients. This is not ‘Freedom Day’ for us.

For us, Covid-19 remains a very real threat. We cannot rely on vaccination alone. Research clearly shows that **our compromised immune system does not respond to vaccination in the same way as the general population.** We may have little or no protection.

With the infection rate rising rapidly, we are more likely to come into contact with someone who is infected, and we are, therefore, more likely to become exposed to the virus.

We know that public health measures work, and that simple things such as wearing masks, particularly on public transport and in enclosed spaces, would continue to protect the most vulnerable. It is easy, and the least disruptive of the measures.

I regard it as irresponsible for the government to cancel all preventative measures now, and it places me and the millions of immune compromised people at severe risk yet again. We feel abandoned and left unprotected.

I would ask you urgently to bring this to the attention of the Secretary of State for Health and impress on him the need for these sensible public health measures to be kept in place until Covid-19 levels have drastically reduced.

Yours sincerely