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**Dear Minister,**

People in Zimbabwe are dying and suffering unnecessarily because the government has been neglecting the public health care system for many years.

Most health centres are barely functioning – with faulty equipment, no medicines and with health workers on strike over poor working conditions and low wages. Patients cannot afford transportation to reach health centres. The vast majority of people cannot afford private health care. The situation is so severe that a cholera outbreak that began in August 2008 has killed over 3,800 people and the death toll keeps rising.

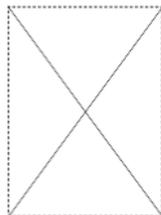
I urge you to take immediate steps, including through seeking international co-operation and assistance, to strengthen health services and to prioritize the provision of adequate, affordable and accessible health care for the entire population of Zimbabwe. The government must adopt a comprehensive national health plan.

Yours sincerely,

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