**Invitation to attend an MP Reception on May 28th to celebrate Food Allergy Awareness Month and the launch of a National Food Allergy Action Plan**

Dear <insert name of MP>,

My name is \_\_\_\_ and I am one of the many constituents in your riding impacted by food allergy. I am writing to encourage you to attend a reception **in Ottawa on May 28th for Members of Parliament and Senators** being organized by Food Allergy Canada and the Canadian Society of Allergy and Clinical Immunology (CSACI).

The reception will be held at 12pm in Room 330 of the Wellington Building and is an opportunity for you to learn more about this medical condition from leading patient advocates and medical experts. **Your presence would be greatly appreciated by my family.**

<Insert more about your journey with food allergy if desired>.

**Why it’s important you attend**

Food allergy is a serious and growing public health concern, affecting more than 2.6 million Canadians, including my family. It is further estimated that 50% of Canadian households are affected by food allergy.

May is Food Allergy Awareness Month and in addition to bringing policy makers, advocates, patients, and medical professionals together for a day of celebration, education, and advocacy, Food Allergy Canada and the CSACI will be launching a national action plan at the reception. The goal of the action plan is to set the framework to guide future policy actions for reducing the impact of food allergy and improving the quality of life for Canadians, like me (and/or my child/ren), living with this medical condition. The plan will highlight broad priority areas, specifically around greater support in the areas of prevention, management, treatment, and community and food system support.

**If you have not already, please RSVP to the reception by contacting Food Allergy Canada’s consultant, Christopher Holcroft at** **christopherholcroft@hotmail.ca****.**

If you cannot attend the reception but would like a meeting with Food Allergy Canada and CSACI representatives on May 28, Christopher can arrange that as well. I would also be happy to discuss my family’s experience with food allergy if you would like to learn more.

I hope you will join Food Allergy Canada and the CSACI for their reception May 28th.

Sincerely,