**[To request a meeting with a local/state policymaker]**

[Date]

[Address:

The Honorable xx

Your City Council

Anywhere, State yyyyy]

Dear [Representative/Senator Last Name of the Legislator],

As someone who speaks for/represents [hepatitis B patients, families of those with hepatitis B, healthcare professionals who care for patients with hepatitis B, etc.] in your district, I’m writing to ask whether I/we can meet with you in your district office during the week of [date].

I’m/we are interested in supporting programs and policies that fund and promote the education, testing, vaccination, linkage-to-care, and treatment of those with hepatitis B.

As you may know, it is estimated that 2.2 million people in the United States have chronic hepatitis B. Hepatitis B is the primary cause of liver cancer, which is the second deadliest cancer in the United States. Hepatitis B can lead to lifelong infection, scarring of the liver, liver cancer, and death. 1 in 4 chronic hepatitis B carriers will die of liver cancer or failure. In the U.S., about 1 out of 10 Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders has chronic hepatitis B. There are people with hepatitis B and who care for those with hepatitis B in your district. Because of this, I would like to speak with you about [describe the issue and add bill numbers if applicable].

I hope you’ll be willing to meet with me to discuss the challenges faced by those with hepatitis B, and how you can work to reduce those obstacles. Please contact [your name] at [your phone number] or [your email address] to set up a meeting. Additionally, I’ll contact you in the next few days to see what may work for you.

Thank you,

[Your name]