[Your name and return address]

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[November XX, 2021]

[Your Local Government Representative]

Honourable [Local Government Representative’s name],

I am a Canadian citizen with mobility issues and concerned with accessible parking spaces near [location]. These spaces have several shortcomings: there are not enough of them, they are too small for vans that require access from the side, and they are frequently occupied by people without mobility issues.

[replace with your personal story] For the past six years I have been volunteering at a local food bank, work I find both satisfying and rewarding. What saddens me, however, is the increasing frequency with which I see people with limited mobility and/or mobility devices needing accessible parking spots close to the location they require and cannot find them. They are left unable to carry out necessary, sometimes essential, day-to-day shopping, errands and activities.

The Liberal party [or whomever you are addressing] has committed to a number of actions addressing the needs of people with disabilities, but have fallen short in a number of areas. We ask that you:

* Increase the fines and penalties for violation of accessible parking spaces
* Assign additional staffing and resources to strengthen local enforcement efforts
* Advocate for increased funding to support local accessibility initiatives and priorities.
* Reinvest the revenue generated through increased enforcement in local accessibility improvement in the community
* Work in consultation with people with disabilities and disability serving organizations, to conduct accessibility audits to ensure that the available accessible parking spaces are well-designed in terms of
	+ Location
	+ Dimensions
	+ Safety
	+ Path of travel
	+ Signage

Thank you for your past efforts. Will you continue pushing for a strengthening of these policies? Will you commit to building new accessible parking spaces? Will you commit to upgrading the many that are inadequate? We look forward to your response.

Sincerely yours,

[Your Name]