Good morning MPP [NAME],

Thank you so much for your time today to discuss access to life-saving therapy for TTP patients in Canada. I appreciate the many steps that go into turning efforts into action, and you taking the time to listen is an important step in the right direction.

A brief synopsis of some key points:

* First of all, caplacizumab is already approved for use in Canada, and deemed both a safe and effective treatment option when utilized alongside the current standard of care for TTP patients.
* Caplacizumab essentially acts as a shield to protect patients from dangerous blood clots while standard treatments have time to “kick-in”. Although all TTP patients have the potential to benefit from this new therapy, we are asking for the subset of TTP patients that aren’t responding to standard therapy, or have presented with secondary disease or complications to be provided immediate access upon physician order. Employing the use of this drug is literally a matter of life and death, and its use must be engaged in a swift and decisive manner. In these instances, there is no time for paperwork or red tape.
* Caplacizumab is a crucial tool in a sadly understocked toolbox to treat TTP. There isn’t a question regarding its efficacy among the TTP medical community, in fact, caplacizumab was initially approved for use in Canada in almost half the amount of time it typically takes for approval. Unfortunately, approval and access are two very different things, and we want to ensure that saving someone’s life in these instances doesn’t come down to one’s financial status.

**The Ask** - On behalf of this small but might community, we are asking for this life-saving drug to be made available (ie added to [insert province] formulary) for all TTP patients who present with secondary disease or complications. This needs to be the decision of their TTP treating physician expert and access must be immediate due to the nature of each crisis being a true medical emergency. We want to ensure that the only decision that has to be made in these split second medical emergency conditions is whether the drug needs to be employed, not whether a patient can afford it.

**Attached for your convenience** please find the fully customizable letter to be sent to your colleague (the Honorable Health Minister [insert provincial health minister name]) which explains our position. For reference I have also included a quick fact sheet compiled to help understand the need and our ask. We remain at your disposal should you have any further questions.

Thank you,

[your name]

[contact details including phone number]