[YOUR NAME]

[POSTAL ADDRESS]

Dear [NAME OF ELECTION CANDIDATE],

I am writing to ask you for your support for of individuals with eczema if elected to upcoming election this month.

1 in 10 of children under the age of 7 in Ireland and 1 in 20 adults suffer from eczema. The condition is now estimated to be 30% more common than it was in the 1980s and it usually begins in the first year of life for most sufferers.

The next government can help people to manage moderate or severe eczema by ensuring timely access to dermatologists and by relieving the financial burden of the condition. My questions to election candidates in 2016:

**Question 1:**

Will you or your party commit to funding better dermatology services near me? This means more resources for GPs, dermatology nurses, consultant dermatologists and access to phototherapy.

**Question 2:**

Will you ensure that medical cards are easily and fairly available to people with psoriasis and support measures to cut the huge out-of-pocket cost of moisturisers (emollients) and essential topical treatments?

Thank you very much for your consideration of these important issues.

Yours Sincerely,

[FIRST & LAST NAME]