[INSERT DATE]

Dear [Mr./Ms./Minister X],

On behalf of the [INSERT CURLING CLUB NAME], I want to thank you for the work you are doing for our community during the COVID-19 pandemic. Your office’s constituency services are all the more critical during this uncertainty, sharing information and helping the public access government programs.

As [INSERT TOWN] continues to re-open and adjust to a new normal, the [INSERT CURLING CLUB NAME] is playing our part in helping to heal the social and economic harm caused by this virus. Curling clubs serve as more than just a place for people to get active. They serve as a community hub, where members and the public can gather and safely socialize. Our facilities serve as meeting place for the community providing both rented and donated space for events, ranging from wedding receptions to walkathons to live local theatre.

Curling itself is an inherently social sport. The physical layout of curling rinks is generally designed so that curling can be played and watched while socializing. We have begun to reopen and restart our programming, while ensuring the best and safest possible return to play. In doing so, we are promoting safe, healthy, active living for Canadians. According to a recent [Abacus Data survey](https://abacusdata.ca/organized-sports-physical-activities-groups-abacus/), 90 percent of Canadians say organized sports and group physical activity will be important in helping society rebuild and recover from the pandemic. We firmly believe that our club can be part of the solution as sports return.

Despite a safe return, we are concerned about what the future holds with the pandemic and the increased pressure it is putting on our bottom line. The [INSERT CURLING CLUB NAME] is a community-based organization mostly led and run by volunteers. We work hard just to keep our facility open and accessible. Due to limits on gatherings, additional safety precautions, and providing personal protective equipment (PPE) for our staff, our club is facing many challenges. These are costs above and beyond our typical expenditures, including utilities which as a whole make up 30 percent of all expenses for rinks.

Canada’s curling clubs can make important contributions helping Canadians and our community with the physical, mental and economic recovery from the pandemic, but it will require support from our elected representatives. We are keen to do our part to help our community recover and we look forward to collaborating with you as part of our social and economic recovery. We support efforts led by Curling Canada to ensure the Government of Canada provides critical financial support to the Canadian sport system via our national sports organizations to sustain grassroots, community based programming.

We would welcome the opportunity for you to visit our club in the weeks ahead to see how we offer a wide variety of programming for all residents of our community. We would also be pleased to serve as a venue for any community consultations or events you may seek to organize. If you are interested in a visit, please contact [INSERT NAME] at [INSERT PHONE NUMBER] or [INSERT EMAIL]. We will also be sure to follow-up with your local constituency office staff in the coming weeks.

Thank you and we look forward to discussing how we can contribute to the health of [INSERT TOWN] residents in body, in mind, and in community.

Sincerely,

[INSERT NAME], [TITLE]

[INSERT CURLING CLUB NAME]