<<name of health minister>>

<<address of health minister>>

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Subject: Personal Protective Equipment for physiotherapists in <<country>>

Dear Minister

In light of our collective goal to stop the spread of COVID-19 in <<country>> I am contacting you urgently regarding the issue of personal protective equipment for physiotherapists.

<<Brief description of physiotherapy organisation>>

It is a key role of <<physiotherapy organisation>> to ensure that processes are in place to implement and monitor practice standards and to ensure that those wishing to practise physiotherapy in <<country>> do so in a manner which is safe and effective.

Physiotherapists are performing a critical role in not only treating patients with COVID-19 but also in providing rapid rehabilitation to ensure that patients are able to be discharged from hospital and back to their homes – thus alleviating pressure on the health system.

However, they are facing an unacceptable risk because they are not being provided with the correct personal protective equipment - such as gloves, gowns and masks - which they need to do their jobs safely.

The physiotherapy profession is ready, willing and able to do what we do best - which is to help people to return to their previous level of functioning. However, we can only do this if we are provided with a safe workplace.

We therefore urge your government to provide the correct personal protective equipment for all physiotherapists working and providing care and treatment to people in hospitals and in other settings, such as private practice or primary care in the community.

Kind regards

<< President of physiotherapy organisation>>

<<Physiotherapy organisation>>