

Date

The Honorable **First Name Last Name**

United States House of **Representatives/Senate (choose one)**

**Street Address**

**City, State Zip**

Dear Representative/Senator Last Name:

I am writing to thank you for taking the time to meet with me on **Date**. I greatly appreciate the opportunity to meet you in person, and discuss the challenges of celiac disease and the urgent need for increased awareness and diagnosis. As I mentioned, 1% of the American population has this disease, but 83% of those people are still undiagnosed and at risk for developing other serious and sometimes life-threatening conditions. As I also stated, the challenge of celiac disease does not end with diagnosis, and with no medication or cure those with the disease must adhere strictly to a gluten-free diet. This raises additional stumbling blocks where there is a lack of labeling of gluten containing ingredients.

Thank you for listening to my story, as well as discussing with me Celiac Disease Foundation's public policy initiatives which include the passing of HR 2003: Gluten in Medications Disclosure Act, alteration of the FDA gluten-free labeling standard to include enforcement in food service establishments and the recognition of celiac disease for NIH research grants. I am aware that you face many competing requests for support, but I would very much appreciate your continued support for celiac disease awareness, diagnosis and research.

I look forward to working with you and staying in contact throughout your term. Thank you again for your time and your attention to the issues facing the celiac community. If I can be of any assistance to you or your staff, please feel free to contact me at any time.

Sincerely,

**First Name Last Name**

**Home street address**

**City, State ZIP**

**Phone number/e-mail address**