

## Sample Personal Story Letter

Return Address—This tells him/her you live in his/her riding as well as ways to get in touch for follow-up

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MLA's address. Use the constituency address. You're writing as a constituent so the letter goes to the local office rather than party headquarters.

Honourable Dustin Duncan  
Minister of Health and MLA Weyburn-Big Muddy  
35 5<sup>th</sup> Street NE  
Weyburn, SK S4H 0Y9

Dear Mr. Duncan:

Tell him who you are (a constituent) and what you are writing about.

I am writing to you as my MLA because I'm disappointed that midwifery services are not available in my community and that there appears to be no plan for making them available in the near future.

These paragraphs establish a brief background to the issue and how it affects you

As you know, the Midwifery Act has made regulated and publicly funded midwifery in Saskatchewan. Midwives currently practice in the Saskatoon, Regina-Qu'Appelle and Cypress Health Regions. Unfortunately, none of these sites are in the Health Region where I live.

Midwives offer excellent maternity care and I was delighted to learn that their services are now legal and funded in Saskatchewan. Imagine my disappointment when I realized that, while midwifery care would be available to a lucky few, I was not among them.

These paragraphs say what you want your representative to do for you.

I am asking you to urge the government to publicly commit to a timeframe within which I can expect midwifery services to be available to my family. I would like to see the government offer incentives to the health regions who have not yet integrated midwives into their maternity service and work with them to speed this process of making midwives available to childbearing women across the province.

This is the "thank you" paragraph. You can also suggest a meeting.

Thanks for your attention. If you would like to discuss this issue further, I'd be happy to meet with you.

Sincerely,

Ima Newmom